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ACEC/MA Utilities & Energy Conference 2025

May 8, 7:30 AM Registration/Breakfast | 8 AM – 11 AM Program

@ MHA Conference Center, Burlington, MA + Zoom

In-person and virtual attendance options

Register by May 2 for In-person attendance. Register by May 6 for virtual attendance.

Featuring:

- Katherine Antos, Undersecretary of Decarbonization & Resilience, EOEAA
- Representative Christine P. Barber, House Chair, Joint Committee on Environment and Natural Resources (D - 34th Middlesex)
- Seth Lattrell, VHB – Update on Wind Power
- Laura Olton, LSO Energy Advisors
- Ester Lwebuga, PE, Assistant Director, Engineering and Construction, MWRA
- Boston Water & Sewer: TBA

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Engineers & Land Surveyors Day + Water's Worth It Day @ the State House

May 14 @ 9:30 AM, Rm 428, State House, Boston

Join us at the State House to advocate for infrastructure and more with legislators & their staffs.

We provide three advance virtual briefing sessions on the issues.

Check names of your MA State Senator and State Representative before you register. Join us for a fun morning at the State House!

[Find your Massachusetts State Legislators](#)

[Info & Registration Link](#)

Register by May 1, close of business.

MBTA Requests Fiscal Year End Invoices by June 6, 2025.

MBTA Chief Engineer Sam Zhou contacted ACEC/MA earlier this week with the following request:

"In an effort to pay our contractors, consultants and vendors prior to the end of the fiscal year, we are requesting that complete and accurate

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- CDW Consultants
- Fitzmeyer & Tocci Associates, Inc.
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*invoices for contract work through May 31, 2025 be submitted in e-Builder no later than **Friday, June 6, 2025**. This deadline will allow sufficient time for review and processing by the MBTA Project Office, Finance Department and Accounts-Payable prior to the final pay cycle of the fiscal year.*
In addition, all parties are reminded that every effort should be made to convert ETsAs to Task Orders/Amendments and Work Directives to Change Orders/Risk Reallocations as soon as possible to allow for invoicing prior to the end of the fiscal year."



The 2025 Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) Awards CALL FOR NOMINATIONS in Massachusetts

2025 QBS Award Nominations

Deadline for MA Nominations: 11 AM, May 20, 2025

NSPE-MA and ACEC/MA are now accepting Nominations for our state's 2025 QBS Awards, to be presented in June 2025.

Nationally, NSPE and ACEC partner to administer the QBS Awards, which recognize public and private entities that make exemplary use of the Qualifications-Based Selection process at the federal, state and local levels.

QBS Award winners serve as examples of how well the QBS process works, and they help ACEC and NSPE promote the practice of QBS in jurisdictions that do not use or underuse QBS to procure engineering services.

The first step is to enter at the state level.

[More Info on MSPE Website](#)

Support the ACEC Political Action Committee

Special Reception to Thank ACEC/PAC Contributors: May 8 @ Jacobs, Boston

ACEC's Political Action Committee - ACEC/PAC - is the engineering industry's primary tool for political engagement at the national level. ACEC/PAC is the largest PAC in the engineering and design services industry.

Supported by engineering professionals from across the country who work for member firms, the sole purpose of ACEC/PAC is to elect candidates to the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate who support policies and legislation favorable to the engineering industry.

Your personal contribution to ACEC/PAC helps us to reach members of Congress as we advocate about the challenges our industry faces.

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ACEC 2025 Annual Convention & Legislative Summit



May 18–21 Convention, Washington, DC.

Join us for meetings with the Massachusetts Congressional delegation during this convention.

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TECET Linowes Leadership Lecture: Stuart Danforth

May 28, 4 - 6 PM @ Conference Center at Waltham Woods

Unlock your firm's potential with a focused lecture on cultivating leadership, navigating change, and building a powerful culture, presented by **Stu Danforth**, Director of Positive Leadership Dynamics and Professor at Boston College. With over 20 years of experience in behavioral change, leadership development, and organizational management, Stu brings a wealth of expertise.

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Government Affairs

FEDERAL NEWS

[Engineering & The Economy: Tariffs, Labor & What's Ahead](#)

[Engineering Workforce Consortium Sets Priorities, Welcomes New Member](#)

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Monitoring the Trump White House's Impact on Engineering:
[Bookmark this ACEC page](#) - announcements, executive actions, & decisions **including tariffs** from White House that directly impact America's engineering & design services industry

STATE and LOCAL NEWS

[50 States, 50 Fixes](#) (Gift Article from New York Times) Now more than ever, environmental solutions may seem out of reach. But they're happening all over the country. This year, the NYT highlights one thing that's working in every state.

[Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Announces AI Strategy for K-12 Schools](#)

[MassDOT Opens New Round of Industrial Rail Access Program Grant Applications](#)

The Massachusetts House of Representatives voted 151-6 on April 30 to pass a fiscal year 2026 budget plans that weighs in at more than \$61.4B following three days of debate over amendments. More on [The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' FY2026 Budget Process for ACEC/MA Members](#)

ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Comm (GAC) acts on bills impacting our Eng/PLS/A/E Community. GAC meets next on May 23 at 10 AM on Zoom

Join us as we review bills impacting the engineering, land surveying, and design professional community.

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ACEC/MA STEM Task Force

Opportunities & Resources to promote **STEM careers**, particularly in Engineering & Land Surveying.

[STEM Task Force Info](#)

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