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## **ACEC/MA Health & Safety Forum**

**May 19, 2:30 - 4 PM on Teams**

**Topic: Mick Brown (Weston & Sampson) presents on Excavation and Trenching Safety**

Open to all ACEC/MA Members.

[Request Teams Information](#)

## **ACEC/MA Building Engineering Committee**

**May 21, 9 AM on Teams**

Planning meeting including these topics:

- DCAMM outreach and partnering
- Inviting Designer Selection Board to future meeting
- Hiring roundtable?

Open to all ACEC/MA Members.

Also note: ACEC/MA May 23 10 AM Government Affairs Committee (GAC) Zoom includes BEC for a briefing from AIA MA on a proposed compromise on legislation for potentially licensing interior designers. [Request Zoom Info for May 23.](#)

[Request Teams Info for May 21 BEC](#)

## **ACEC/MA 2025 Annual Celebration**

**June 17, 5 - 7:30 PM @ City Winery Boston, 80 Beverly Street**

**Join ACEC/MA as we mark the end of another successful year. We will celebrate our Board of Directors and Committee/Forum leaders at this reception. Enjoy appetizers and cocktails with plenty of opportunities for networking. Your registration includes two drink tickets.**

We'll announce our special guest speaker soon!

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We are only using the registration form at this time for program registration above, due to our database transition.

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### ACEC/MA FY2025 Board of Directors

### ACEC/MA Forums & Committees

### ACEC/MA Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

### Events & Briefings Calendar

### Join an ACEC/MA Committee or Forum



Kicking off **Engineers & Land Surveyors + Water's Worth It Day at the State House on May 14, 2205**: From left: Paul Campbell, PLS, MALSCE President, Carlos Pena, PE, TECET Vice Chair, Mike Cunningham, PE, BSCES Past-President, Gerry Preble, PE, ACEC/MA President-Elect, John Downey, MAWEA Board, State Senator Brendan Crighton, Senate Chair Joint Committee on Transportation, Jennifer Pederson, MWWA Executive Director, Mickey Nowack, MAWEA Government Affairs Chair, Abbie Goodman, ACEC/MA Executive Director.

## ACEC/MA at Engineers & Land Surveyors + Water's Worth It Day at the State House - Advocate In Your Community

Even if you could not join us in person on May 14 at the State House, you can help with our grassroots advocacy in the weeks ahead. Reach out to your MA State Senator and MA State Representative to find out when they will hold local office hours in your community. Then, plan to visit them during these times to connect and discuss the issues. [Briefing Materials and More Info.](#)

## MBTA, MassDOT, Massport, and SDO Supplier Diversity Program In-Person Networking Event

June 10, 8:30 AM – 11 AM

State Transportation Building, 2nd Floor, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA

This is a focused event for Design Professional/Professional Services Firms. Primes should sign up for tables. Subconsultants should sign up to attend to meet the Primes.

The registration link below is for all individuals attending the June 10 event. Any Prime company interested in hosting a resource table should email [DEI@MBTA.COM](mailto:DEI@MBTA.COM) this week. Space is limited for hosting a resource table - sign up this week.

Register by May 23 here: <https://forms.gle/Bw5S6DwLGHz8Mu1i9>

Note: The MBTA is leading logistics for this event, so the link will bring you to an MBTA sign up page.

MassDOT and Massport plan to be there, along with the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office. ACEC/MA is assisting with event promotion.

[Sign Up](#)



## 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](#)

### Board of Building Regulations & Standards Seeks Mechanical Engineer

MA PE license & MA residency.

[More Info](#)

### Government Affairs

#### FEDERAL NEWS

[EPA announces rollback for some Biden-era limits on 'forever chemicals' in drinking water](#)

[ACEC Statement on Infrastructure Week 2025](#)

**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

[Governor Healey Posts New Public Dashboard Displaying Direct Funding Cuts to Massachusetts State Agencies by Trump Administration](#)

[Governor Healey Announces Executive Branch Hiring Freeze](#)

The Massachusetts Senate's Committee on Ways and Means released its Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Recommendations on May 6. Senators filed 1058 amendments to the Senate Ways and Means recommendations last Friday. The Senate will debate the FY26 budget proposal in a formal session beginning Tuesday, May 20. More on [The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' FY2026 Budget Process for ACEC/MA Members](#)

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**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. Our May 23 meeting include a briefing from AIA MA on a recent compromise they are proposing on licensure for Interior Designers. Learn more about this issues at this combined GAC and Building Engineering Committee meeting on May 23 at 10 AM. [Request Zoom Info for May 23](#)**

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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?s: Contact [acecma@engineers.org](mailto:acecma@engineers.org) or 617-227-5551.

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