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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.

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

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!

\$100 ACEC/MA Member* | \$200 Non-member | \$50 Public Sector Employees | If your firm is an ACEC/MA Member, You're an ACEC/MA Member.

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

Registration Form

DOER Webinar: New State Effort to Improve Interconnection of Load and Energy Resources

May 16, 10 AM on Zoom

The Healey-Driscoll Administration is working to improve the interconnection of new load and energy resources to the electric grid in response to complaints about grid capacity issues and the grid connection process from new load customers including businesses and housing developments.

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The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs launched an initiative to engage with stakeholders on current load connection barriers and collaborate. EOEEA plans to engage with businesses, municipalities, and other large load customers to learn more about load connection or electrification barriers and any knowledge gaps among customers, working to identify potential solutions.

[Register on this Zoom Link](#)

[More Info on DOER Website](#)



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](#)

ACEC 2025 Professional Liability Insurance Survey Launched May 6

Professional liability insurance is an important consideration for every engineering firm. Insurance availability, rates, types of coverage, pre-claim assistance, claim processing, and related issues all have a direct bearing on the strength and financial stability of the firm.

To help ACEC members understand the current insurance landscape, the ACEC National Risk Management Committee conducts an annual survey of Member Firms on their professional liability insurance coverage and experience. This year's survey launched on **May 6**, when the survey link was sent to ACEC primary contacts across the nation.

Member Firms should take the survey online using the link they were provided on May 6, with one person per firm responding.

Your firm didn't receive the survey? Direct questions to ACEC General Counsel [Charles Kim](#)



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

MBTA Chief Engineer Sam Zhou contacted ACEC/MA last 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 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 ETSA's 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."

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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[Market Intel Update: U.S. Economy Contracts in Q1 2025, GDP Shrinks by 0.3%](#)

[Future Forward \(Powered by ACEC\): Smart Engineering: Transforming Our Industry](#)

[Tax Law Extension Critical for Jobs, Economic Growth Study Finds](#)

[National Infrastructure Tour Shines Spotlight on Minnesota Zoo's Treetop Trail](#)

Monitoring the Trump White House's Impact on Engineering:
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STATE and LOCAL NEWS

[Healey-Driscoll Administration Expands Innovation Career Pathways to 20 New High Schools](#)

[April Revenue Collections Total \\$6.838 Billion](#): Monthly collections up \$511 million or 8.1% vs. April 2024 actual; \$1.116B above benchmark

[Markey Condemns EPA Plan to Terminate All Environmental Justice Grants](#)

The Massachusetts Senate's Committee on Ways and Means released its Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Recommendations on May 6. Senators may file amendments to the Senate Ways and Means recommendations through 2 PM on Friday, May 9. 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](#)

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.

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