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Dear ACEC/MA Member,

Here's Your 6/10/21 ACEC/Matters

Save the Date:
September 30, 2021

We're planning an in-person Engineering Excellence Awards Gala for 2020 and 2021 Projects and other Awards. More info soon!



Annual Celebration @ Polar Park

ACEC/MA In Person Program!

6/18, 12:15 PM - 2 PM

Worcester, MA

[Don't Miss the June 11 Registration Deadline!](#)

Polar Park is in the heart of the Worcester's resurgent Canal District. Learn more about this fascinating project on June 18.

Join us **In Person** as we celebrate our FY2021 and FY2022 Board and Committee/Forum Leaders.

Box Lunch | Networking | Tour of the New Home of the Worcester Red Sox



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In Massachusetts, these are ACEC/MA Awards. Nationally, we will submit nominations with the endorsement of MSPE.

Nomination Form Deadline: 6/16 @ 11 AM.

[More Info and Form >](#)

Engineers and Land Surveyors Virtually @ the State House

Register by 6/15

Briefing session on **6/15** to help prepare you for summer meetings with your state legislators.

In 2021, we are holding this event virtually, with small group virtual appointments with your State Representative and your State Senator. It is **important for legislators to hear from the engineering and land surveying community.**

[More & Registration](#)

Update on PPP Loans / FAR Credits Clause Issue

ACEC and ACEC/MA continue efforts to resolve problems related to the FAR credits clause and how it impacts firms' work for certain public clients including MassDOT, MBTA and MWRA, along with Federal agencies.

From **Linda Bauer Darr, ACEC President/CEO**: "ACEC's advocacy continues to focus on finding an equitable resolution to the PPP/FAR credits clause issue. Over the past months, our ACEC National Advocacy team and state Executive Directors have been lobbying Members of Congress in Washington, D.C. and in their home districts to highlight this critical issue and to build support for a legislative fix that would exempt engineering firms from being subject to the clause.

This is a priority issue for our member firms—especially those that relied on PPP loans to help navigate the

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uncertainty of the pandemic. We should never forget that when the economy shutdown, the need for our essential work continued.

This week, ACEC launched a new communications advocacy campaign on this all-important issue. The campaign involves traditional and social media from ACEC and our allies spreading the message about PPP Fairness to the audiences that matter to our industry. We will advertise in leading Capitol Hill news outlets. We will leverage our digital marketing capabilities to reach influencers online." And we are taking our message certain public agency leaders in Massachusetts.

"Our core message has one unifying theme: Engineering firms shouldn't be singled out and penalized for acting in the best interests of their employees and clients. It's time for real PPP fairness.

Join us. *Our ability to convince Members of Congress to act on this issue depends on telling them why it is so critically important to firms. There is no better advocate than a constituent, especially a constituent business owner. Visit ACEC's campaign website at www.acec.org/ppp. While you are there, **use the email template to reach out to your Member of Congress, or the Twitter template to tweet out a message of support with the hashtag #PPPFairness.** Use our template for a letter to the editor to tell your local paper what this issue means for your business." If you need assistance, contact [Abbie Goodman](#) for resources to make your voice heard.*

Together, we can make a difference and fix the FAR once and for all.

[Read more about the Issue >](#)



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6/11, 8:30 AM, Zoom

Learn about **Workforce Participation Goal Requirements under M.G.L. c. 149, § 44A(2)(G)**, Design professional firms will increasingly see contract language with reporting requirements for Chapter 149 design work, including state and municipal projects.

[More Info >](#)

ACEC/MA Risk Management Forum

6/24, 1 - 2 PM, Zoom

Implications associated with higher minimum limits of insurance required in contracts for professional services in light of the current insurance marketplace with **Mike Herlihy**, Ames & Gough.

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RFR: Asset Management Consulting Engineers Prequalification for MA Clean Water Trust

The Massachusetts Clean Water Trust has issued a request for responses (RFR) for consulting engineering firms that wish to participate in the Trust's Asset Management Planning (AMP) Grant program. The RFR may be found on COMMBUYS.

Bid Solicitation: [BD-21-1108-TREWP-WPA00-63466](#)

Questions regarding this RFR due 6/11/21 by 2 PM.

Responses due 7/9/21 by 2 PM.

Government Affairs

Legislative Leaders Appoint Conference Committee on FY2022 Budget ... more on our [FY2022 Budget Resource Page](#)

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ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Committee (GAC) reviews bills impacting our Engineering / PLS / A/E community.

Next GAC Meeting = 6/25 @ 8 AM on Zoom

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Program Registration:

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