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Dear Sean,

Here's Your 6/24/21 ACEC/Matters

Save the Date:

September 30, 2021

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



Dennis Baker, WSP (FY2021 ACEC/MA President) accepts thanks for service from Scott Miller, Haley Ward (FY2022 ACEC/MA President)

Announcing the FY2022 ACEC/MA Board of Directors

During our recent Annual Celebration at Worcester's new Polar Park, we celebrated our FY2021 and FY2022 Boards of Directors and our Committee and Forum co-chairs in person. Now is a great time to [join an ACEC/MA Forum or Committee](#), as we plan for the new fiscal year.



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Legislative Action Alert:

Please Do This Today:

Urge the Massachusetts Legislature to Adopt the House's FY'22 Funding



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**Recommendation for the Contract
Assistance Line-Item (1599-0093)**

We need **your grassroots advocacy** to urge your legislators to ask the **Legislature's Conference Committee to support the House # FY22 Funding Recommendation for the Contract Assistance Line-Item (1599-0093)**

The House funded the contract assistance line-item, 1599-0093, at \$63,383,680, which represented level funding from FY'21. The Senate appropriated the significantly reduced amount of \$39,014,000.

Please contact your State Senator and your State Representative by June 25 and ask them to strongly encourage the Budget Conference Committee to accept the House's funding recommendation of \$63,383,680 for the Contract Assistance Line-item 1599-0093.

Now more than ever, with more unknowns due to PFAS and other issues, we don't want to see a cut in funding for this critical tool for municipalities

These materials contain talking points which you can use in a phone call or an email to your State Senator and your State Representative, including a chart showing the Historical Funding of the Contract Assistance Line-Item for FY'01 to FY'22

Find Your State Legislators' contact information here:
<https://malegislature.gov/Search/FindMyLegislator>

More Government Affairs News:

Discuss the Issues with your Massachusetts State Legislators This Summer

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 based on where you live and vote....[More >](#)

ARPA Funding Resource Page for ACEC/MA Members

The legislature and the Baker-Polito Administration continued work on the process for allocating nearly \$5.2 billion in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding, as the legislature overrode the Governor's veto on 6/22 to sweep most of the money into the Legislature's COVID-19 Relief Fund while giving Baker "some latitude around \$200 million" and "a lot of latitude in things that need immediate need." ... [More >](#)

From TRIP, A National Transportation Research Nonprofit:
Massachusetts Interstate System's Rate of Congestion, Vehicle Travel and Bridge Deterioration Among Highest in U.S. ... [More >](#)

From the ACEC Last Word Blog: [Industry-Backed Resilience Legislation Introduced in the US House](#)

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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ACEC/MA Member Briefings **ACEC/MA Risk Management Forum**

TODAY: 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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Open to All Members

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ACEC/MA Health & Safety Forum

6/28, 2:30 - 4 PM, Zoom



Robin Greenleaf (ACEC National Chair, Architectural Engineers, Inc.),
Congresswoman Katherine Clark, Abbie Goodman (ACEC/MA Executive Director),
Joel Goodmonson (ACEC/MA Past President, Architectural Engineers, Inc.)
met in Washington to discuss PPP/FAR Credits Clause Issue

PPP Loans / FAR Credits Clause Issue

**Amplify ACEC's
Advocacy
Campaign to
Resolve PPP/FAR
Credits Clause
Issue**

ACEC's integrated
advocacy campaign

continued this week in Washington D.C. and the states to build support for Congress to pass a legislative fix that would exempt engineering firms' forgiven PPP loans from the FAR credits clause.

The unifying theme of the campaign is that engineering firms shouldn't be singled out and penalized for acting in the best interests of their employees and clients.

The campaign includes traditional and social media placements from ACEC and our allies, spreading the message about PPP fairness to the audiences that matter to our industry.

You can amplify this campaign in the campaign at www.acec.org/ppp. On the website, you will find an

*email template to send to members of Congress, a **Twitter template** to tweet out a message of support with the hashtag **#PPPFairness**, and a template for a letter to the editor to send to your local paper. **Let them know what this issue means for your business.***

***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. 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 >](#)

Workforce Participation Goals with Deborah Anderson, Attorney General's Office

We held this session on June 11 on the **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. **Deborah Anderson will join us again on 7/29/21 at our DEI Forum.**

[PDF of PPT >](#)

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