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Dear Sean,
Here's Your 7/1/21 ACEC/Matters

We're sending Dues Invoices for FY2022 to Firm Representatives over the next week. We are grateful for your firm's prompt payment of ACEC/MA membership dues so we can focus on advocacy, leadership education, programs, and other work on your behalf,
Thank you!

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!**

Golf Tourney Committee in Formation

The ACEC/MA Education Corporation plans to hold its annual tournament on **9/13/21 at Marshfield Country Club. Interested in helping on the Golf Committee? [Contact ACEC/MA Education Corporation Chair Dennis Baker](#) or [Abbie Goodman](#)**

The ACEC/MA Education Corporation Golf Tournament benefits our scholarship program.

ACEC Study Finds Infrastructure Agreement Will Create 82,000 Engineering Jobs, Add \$75B to GDP

On the heels of last week's announcement that a bipartisan agreement had been reached on infrastructure, [ACEC released a new report](#) analyzing how the proposal might benefit the engineering and design industry in terms of economic output and job creation.

"This is the first time we have taken a hard look at the numbers to see how a massive infrastructure investment would directly benefit America's engineering industry," said ACEC President and CEO Linda Bauer Darr. "If the



package spurs growth in our industry of this magnitude, then the impact to the broader economy must be huge.

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The ACEC study estimates that the bipartisan agreement would create more than 82,000 full and part-time jobs in engineering and design services, generate \$62 billion in A/E industry wages and add \$75B to GDP.

[More...>](#)

HR 3684, INVEST in America Act, Expected to Include Limitation on FAR Credits Clause for PPP Loans

Great Progress! Below please find the “Manager’s Amendment” to HR 3684, the INVEST in America Act. [ACEC’s PPP language is on page 10 of the amendment](#); it seeks to limit the application of the credit to federal dollars in contract payments only and prevent State DOTs from applying the FAR provision to state-funded contracts. The amendment was adopted on 6/29; final passage of the bill is expected on 7/1/21.



This is a step forward, but ACEC remains focused on **building support** for a more complete fix by waiving the FAR provision altogether. ACEC/MA Leaders are in contact with MassDOT Audit leadership on these issues.

Meanwhile, You Can Still Help to Amplify ACEC's Advocacy Campaign to Resolve PPP/FAR Credits Clause Issue in Congress

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.

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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 >](#)

Government Affairs

FY2022 Budget Negotiations Still Underway as new fiscal year begins today...[More on our ACEC/MA FY2022 Budget Resource Page...>](#)

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No Timeline for State House Reopening Other Than Fall; Legislative Leaders Developing "Phased" Reopening Timeline

On June 30, Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Ronald Mariano released a new statement on State House reopening plans Wednesday, but did not outline any concrete steps to reopen the building.

[COVID-19 Resources & Guidance](#)

Legislative leaders and Gov. Charlie Baker have pointed to many challenges associated with reopening the State House, including how the building functions as a tourism attraction, a workplace for staff, and as a public gathering space. But pressure has been building since the state of emergency ended to reopen the building as much of the state returns to post-pandemic lifestyles. Throughout the course of the pandemic, most lawmakers and staff have participated in remote sessions while a small group have made their way into the House and Senate Chambers.

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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 the ACEC Last Word Blog: [ACEC Issues Statement of Support for Bipartisan Agreement on Infrastructure](#)

ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Committee

(GAC) reviews bills impacting our Engineering / PLS / A/E community.

Next GAC Meeting = 7/23 @ 8 AM on Zoom

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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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