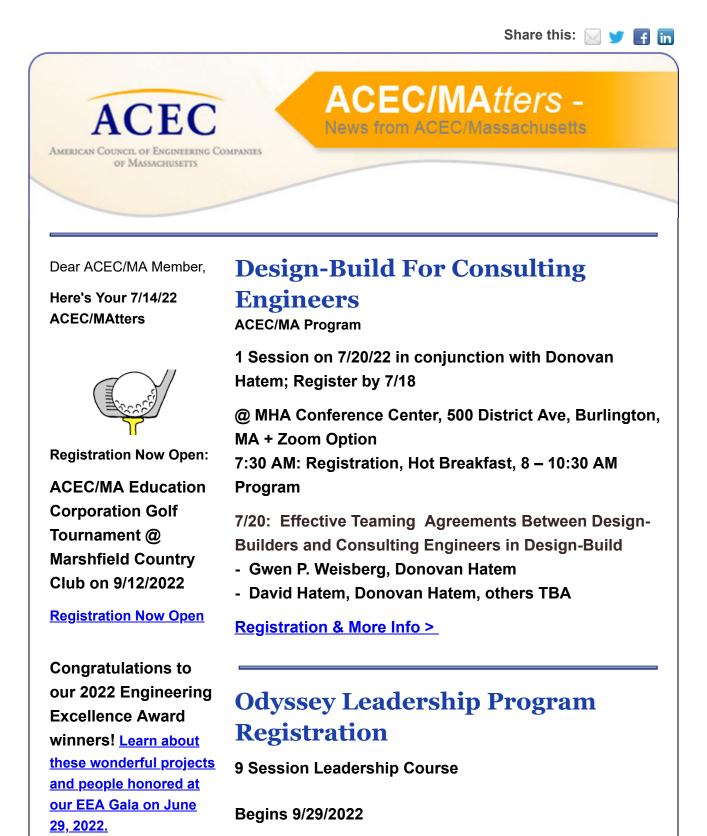
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Major Bills of Interest to ACEC/MA Members in conference committees:

Fiscal 2023 General Budget: H 4701 and S 4 More Info >

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COVID-19 Policy Extensions <u>S 2472</u> and <u>H 3874</u>; among other issues, this bill would extend the ability to hold virtual public board and commission meetings set to expired on 7/15/22.

Still in one chamber, with conference committee to be formed later:

On 7/14/22, the Massachusetts Senate is expected to debate the <u>\$10.4B infrastructure bond bill</u>. This is an important bill for the state to allocate the state match for the federal IIJA (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act) as well as to have additional funding to apply for some competitive federal infrastructure grants. In addition, the House version of this bill includes our Dig Safe language, a direct result of our grassroots advocacy work. We are working to keep this in the Senate version of this bill.

House Debate on Economic Development Bill. At press time for ACEC/MAtters on 7/13, the House was debating the \$3.8B bill (H 5007), which include language for the creation of a Taxpayer Energy and Economic Relief Fund that would pay \$250 to qualifying Bay Staters who filed individual tax returns and \$500 for married taxpayers who filed joint returns. To be eligible, as either a single or joint filer, residents must have reported an income of at least \$38,000 in 2021, with upper limits of \$100,000 (single) or \$150,000 (joint). This bill would then go to the Senate, followed by a conference committee. <u>Summary of this bill</u>.

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DOER Releases Draft Stretch Energy Code Regulations

The Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) released draft code language for its Stretch Energy Code and Specialized Municipal Opt-in Code on June 24 <u>More info ></u>

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