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## Legislative Alert: Take Action on Housing Bond Bill

### [ACEC/MA & Coalition - Conference Committee Letter on need for water funding in Housing Bond Bill](#)

Massachusetts House and Senate versions of the Housing Bond bill are currently in conference committee. Each bill includes some ACEC/MA-backed language related to water infrastructure funding, but they are not identical bills. Housing development needs access to water and wastewater systems.

Ask your legislators to contact the conference committee and ask them to support these water infrastructure provisions in the bill.

- Please reach out to your [Massachusetts state legislators](#) this week with a short email and attach our letter to the conference committee.

More information, including the conference committee members, on our [Housing Bond Bill Resource Page](#).

## AI Resources for ACEC/MA Members

In this issue of ACEC/Matters, we've assembled resources from [ACEC National](#) and [Donovan Hatem](#) about AI and Design Professional firms for you. In FY2024, ACEC/MA held a popular program for members with case studies of AI applications by several firms. Please let us know if you have topics that ACEC/MA can help your firm explore in the year ahead.

Resources:

- [Guidelines on the Use of AI by Design Professional Firms](#) from ACEC National Risk Management Committee, issued July 16, 2024.

- [Artificial Intelligence: Professional Standard of Care Considerations for Design Professionals](#) by David J. Hatem, PC, issued December 15, 2023.

- [Seven Questions on Artificial Intelligence and Its Use by AEC Design Professionals](#) by Paul E. Kassabian, PE, P.Eng (BC), C.Eng (UK), Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, John M. Lim, Esq, Donovan Hatem LLP, issued February 26, 2024.

- [Artificial Intelligence: Best Practices for Design Professionals](#) by Michael S. Robertson, Esq, Donovan Hatem LLP, Benjamin Wisniewski, PE, P.Eng, Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, issued April 16, 2024.

[More Info](#)

## ACEC/MA Odyssey and Emerging Leaders Alumni Reception

July 25, 4-6 pm, Stantec, 45 Blue Sky Drive, Burlington

- Environmental Partners, an Apex Company
- GM2 Associates
- GPI
- GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc
- Haley Ward
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**Register by July 22:** For colleagues who graduated from either Emerging Leaders, Odyssey, or both. Share refreshments & conversation with your fellow graduates, followed by a panel with these graduates:

- **Alyson Bedard**, MassDOT- Highway Division
- **Jennifer Ducey**, Stantec
- **Matthew Paradis**, HNTB Corporation
- **Keith Prata**, NV5 Buildings and Technology
- **Kari Richards**, HDR | City Point Partners

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## ACEC/MA Odyssey Leadership Course Registration

### 9 Session Course Starts September 26

Leadership skills development course for senior management, middle management, and anyone who has been identified as a high potential leader.

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## Resources & Opportunities

**ACEC/MA HR + Health & Safety Forum: Diabetes in the Workplace**

[Here is the deck from this July 16 ACEC/MA Zoom](#) with Dr. David Alper

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**ACEC/MA TALC Meeting with MBTA on July 17.** Thank you to Dewberry for hosting this hybrid meeting:

- [Presentation](#) from Sam Zhou, Assistant General Manager & Chief Engineer
- [Presentation](#) from MBTA Safety & Security: Steve Culp, J.P. Murray, MBTA and Alex Cachecho, K&J Safety and Security Consulting Services

15th Annual  
**ACEC/MA Education Corporation Golf Tournament**  
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**September 30 @ Ferncroft CC**  
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## **Geek is Glam STEM Expo**

**October 13, 9 AM - 5 PM @ Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI)**

For Girls in Grades 4-8 - reach these students with fun engineering projects + basic career info!

Hosted by Girl Scouts of Central & Western MA, they are seeking adult volunteers to lead workshops, demos and more.

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## **Government Affairs**

### **FEDERAL NEWS**

[EPA Announces Over \\$18 Million To Support Clean U.S. Manufacturing Of Construction Materials Across New England](#)

[The RNC and !\[\]\(b792654f2cef9719eabeb6c5be00811e\_img.jpg\) Tax law implications for engineering firms](#)

[In Case You Missed It: ACEC Mentioned in Bloomberg Writeup on Section 199A](#)

[ACEC Market Insights: What's Driving the Industry](#)

### **STATE and LOCAL NEWS**

[Massachusetts House approves bill to boost renewable energy efforts](#)

[Senator Markey Celebrates \\$1B For Cape Cod Bridges Project](#)

[Healey-Driscoll Administration Wins \\$1B for Cape Cod Bridges Replacement](#)

[Massachusetts Clean Water Trust Board of Trustees members approves \\$238,758,657 in new loans and grants at its July meeting](#)

[The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' FY2025 Budget Process for ACEC/MA Members](#) - House and Senate negotiators have reached agreements on a budget for FY2025.

**ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Committee (GAC) Acts on Bills Impacting our Eng/PLS/A/E Community.**

[Join ACEC/MA GAC for August Zoom](#)

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## **ACEC/MA STEM Task Force**

Opportunities & Resources for your firm to promote **STEM careers**, particularly in Engineering & Land Surveying

## STEM Starter Academy

Technical Students for Entry Level Roles in Your Firm from MA Community Colleges

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## Last Word

ACEC Last Word Blog: News and insights on the Council and the industry

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## Opportunities

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