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Please Reach Out today: 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 infrastructure.

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](#).

ACEC/MA IS Forum

July 30, 12 - 1 PM, Virtual

Topics: Budgeting for 2025, IT Project Management, AI, Autodesk Docs

Open to all ACEC/MA Members

[More Info](#)

ACEC Fall Conference Registration Open

October 20-23, New Orleans

ACEC National's Fall Conference is equal parts informative and entertaining, with inspiring keynote speakers, timely education sessions, and the opportunity to network with peers from throughout the industry.

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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.

Only 8 seats left!

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Resources & Opportunities

[MBTA Initiates Process To Redevelop the Alewife Garage Complex - Seeks Private Sector Joint Development Partner](#) - MBTA Info Session on August 8, 1 PM, 10 Park Plaza, Boston

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

AI Resources for ACEC/MA Members

ICYMI, 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.

Government Affairs

FEDERAL NEWS

[ACEC Receives 2024 Power of Associations Silver Award for Engineering and Public Works Roadshow](#)

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

STATE and LOCAL NEWS

[Major Bills Impacting Design Professionals - as of 7/24/2024 as we near the end of the Formal Legislative Session.](#)

[Massachusetts Legislature Passes Wage Equity Legislation](#)

[Latest Seasonally Unadjusted Unemployment And Job Estimates For Local Labor Markets In Massachusetts For June 2024](#)

[Biden-Harris Administration Opens SBA Loan Programs to New Green Lenders to Help Small Businesses Meet Climate Goals](#)

[Senator Markey Leads Colleagues in Urging Department of Energy to Consider Impact of LNG Exports on New England States](#)

[Poll: Massachusetts Residents Feeling the Squeeze from Housing, Transportation Costs](#)

[Healey-Driscoll Administration Celebrates \\$450M EPA Award to Rapidly Accelerate Adoption of Heat Pumps](#)

[The Commonwealth of Massachusetts' FY2025 Budget Process for ACEC/MA Members](#) - Legislature Passes Fiscal Year 2025 Budget, sends to Governor's desk.

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

Join ACEC/MA GAC for August Zoom

ACEC/MA STEM Task Force

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

STEM Task Force Info

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.

[More Info](#)

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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