

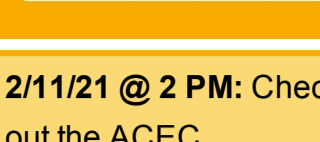


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Here's Your 1/28/21 ACEC/Matters



2/11/21 @ 2 PM: Check out the ACEC Research Institute's next Webinar in the **Future of Engineering Roundtable Series: Sustainability and Renewables in a Post-Pandemic World**

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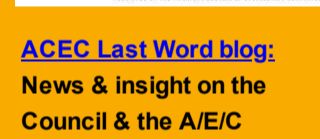
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Have a heart and help those who have been severely impacted by COVID-19. Please join ACEC/MA in supporting the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless.

Our goal is to raise \$25,000 by February 28, 2021.

[DONATE TODAY](#) and you can help make a difference for those who need a place to call home! [More >](#)

TECET Honors Stephanie Pollack at 2/2 @ Leadership Celebration

4 - 6 PM on Remo with online networking

ICYMI: Outgoing Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack officially stepped down earlier this week to become the Federal Highway Administration's deputy director. Join us on Tuesday, 2/2 for [TECET's Virtual Leadership Celebration](#), when we honor her leadership, along with Thomas N. O'Brien, Founding Partner, Managing Director, HYM Investment Group, scholarship winners and [More >](#)

MassDOT Highway Issues 2021 Standard Specifications

On 1/26/21 the MassDOT Highway Division issued the [2021 Edition of the Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges.](#)

This edition combines the previous (2020) edition with all supplemental specifications issued by MassDOT during 2020. The 2021 Edition of the Standard Specifications includes an appendix that provides a full accounting of the changes to the previous (2020) edition.

The 2021 Edition of the Standard Specifications for Highways and Bridges will be referenced in contract documents for all projects advertised beginning this week. No changes are required for any projects already advertised or under construction.

For more information, refer to [Engineering Directive E-21-001](#)

ACEC/MA Health & Safety Forum on the COVID Vaccine

Our Health & Safety Forum held this 1/25 ACEC/MA Member Briefing with our HR Forum and Risk Management Forum:

[PDF of Presentation](#)

[Link to Session Recording](#)

Thank you: [Joe Gesker of Donovan Hatem](#) for presenting on the legal ramifications of the COVID Vaccine for employers, and [David Langlais](#), (Hoyle Tanner) and [Steve Hawkins](#) (GEI Consultants), H&S Forum Co-Chairs, for leading this discussion.

Here's another opportunity to learn more about these issues on 2/11 via a 45 minute [ACEC BIT Webinar: How Will The Covid-19 Vaccine Change Your Firm in 2021?](#)

ACEC/MA HR Forum: A Practical Guide to Massachusetts PFML

Thank you: [Andrew Godfried](#) of ACEC/MA-Affiliate **Member Risk Strategies**, who presented at our 1/27 HR Forum on implementing **Paid Family and Medical Leave** in firms, and HR Forum Co-Chairs [Lisa Dolan](#) (Nitsch Engineering) and [Leila Cahillane](#) (City Point Partners):

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Engineering Inc. Spotlights Black-Owned Engineering Firms

Hear compelling stories from several black ACEC Member Firm owners and their journeys to engineering

firm success in the just published **Fall 2020 issue of ACEC's Award-winning Engineering Inc. magazine.**

[More >](#)

Government Affairs

And so we begin another state budget cycle: On 1/27, Governor Baker filed his administration's proposed budget for FY2022. [See our FY2022 Budget Resource page for links and more.](#)

ACEC Issues Action Alert on FAR Credits for Forgiven PPP Loans

ACEC is calling on members to contact their Congressional delegations and urge them to support waiving the FAR credits clause for forgiven Paycheck Protection Program loans.

A provision of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), which governs federal agency procurements and State Departments of Transportation using federal funds, will substantially **undercut the benefits** of the loan program by **requiring engineering firms that qualify for forgiveness to return some or all of their loan as a credit on cost-based contracts.** [More, including a link to the ACEC Advocacy Center >](#)

ACEC/MA's GAC reviews bills impacting our Engineering / PLS / A/E community. The legislative filing deadline is 2/19/21.

Next GAC Meeting = 2/26/21 @ 10 AM on Zoom

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