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Here's Your 11/5/20 ACEC/Matters

Geospatial Analysis & How Today's Technologies are Used for Creating Base Plans for Design

ACEC/MA Private Sector Committee (PSC) Member Briefing Open to all ACEC/MA Members

11/17, 8:30 AM on Zoom

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Feedback Welcome

Autocene Updates from MA Designer Selection Board offered to ACEC/MA Members on 11/20 and 11/23

2 opportunities for updates on the MA Designer Selection Board's Autocene system implementation during Building Engineering Committee (BEC) virtual meetings on:

11/20, 10 - 11:15 AM

11/23, 11 AM - 12:15 PM

If your firm is thinking about working for DCAMM, MSBA, DHCD and several other agencies, you'll want to attend one of these sessions. [Contact Us for Zoom Info](#)

MBTA Seeks Rider Input on Service Priorities, Schedules Forging Ahead Public Meetings

The MBTA faces a large FY2022 budget deficit (est. \$308M) with plans to reduce some service and move some capital budget funding to the operating budget. The MBTA needs input: MBTA customers are encouraged to go online and [provide feedback here](#), or to participate in virtual public meetings, including an Official Public Hearing, where they can provide input and ask questions of MBTA officials. Each meeting will focus on a specific region within the MBTA's service area. **Details and schedule for a series of virtual public hearings that began on 11/10/2020 about proposed MBTA Service Cuts here:**

<https://www.mbta.com/forging-ahead>

[PPT of Capital Program Changes presented at 11/9/20 MBTA Financial Management Control Board Meeting](#)

Government Affairs

ACEC Statement on the Election of Joe Biden as the 46th President of the USA:

The American Council of Engineering Companies, the business voice of America's engineers, released the following statement on the outcome of the 2020 presidential election. . . [More >](#)

11/9/20: Drought Conditions Improve in Most Regions Across the Commonwealth; Water Conservation Still Necessary; Cape Cod Region Remains at Level 2- Significant Drought . . . [More >](#)

Watch ACEC's Post-Election Briefing

ACEC National began preparing for a potential shift in power long before Election Day and made strategic investments to ensure the interests of our member firms would be heard by a new Administration. They brought on Heather Podesta of Invariant, an established lobbyist with deep ties to the Democratic Party, to help ACEC with strategic engagement. This effort will enhance our advocacy while we build upon existing relationships with leaders such as House T&I Committee Chairman Peter DeFazio and expand our tent to include the new incoming House freshmen from both sides of the aisle. ACEC's analysis of the 2020 election and what will come next has already started. On 11/6, ACEC hosted a Post-Election Briefing with Invariant's Mary Beth Stanton and Matt Keelen, Founder and President of the Keelen Group. See that discussion [here](#).

11/2/2020: Baker-Polito Administration Announces Comprehensive Measures to Further Promote Diversity in State Contracting. . . 11/5/2020: This bill is now [S.2937](#) and was sent to the Joint Committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight

This proposal would establish the Supplier Diversity Office as its own state agency. [Press Release](#)

The legislation, "An Act to Elevate the Supplier Diversity Office to Ensure Equal Opportunity in State Contracting," would establish the Supplier Diversity Office (SDO) as a separate state agency with tools and resources to ensure accountability and compliance with diversity goals, oversee agency diversity spending, and audit and review spending data. The Administration also announced it will implement several other improvements in the supplier diversity space. These include a more active role for the SDO in engaging diverse and small businesses in public procurements, expanded reporting for spending between state contractors and their diverse business partners, the publication of minority-business-enterprise spending by race and ethnicity, the expansion of the Small Business Purchasing Program, increased bid evaluation percentages for certain procurements to promote more diversity (a component of the "Massport Model"), and the translation of SDO materials into multiple languages.

House Budget debate on FY2021 budget started 11/10, continues on 11/12; Legislature sent FY2020 supplemental budget to Governor Baker on 11/6, including language that allows the MBTA to use capital funds for employee salaries. . . [More >](#)

Deadline Extended: Submit Your Firm's COVID-19-Related Project to Engineering Inc. by 11/13:

Several ACEC Member Firms who served on the front lines in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic were featured in the Spring 2020 issue of Engineering Inc. For the upcoming Winter 2021 issue, ACEC would like to highlight 4 more ACEC members whose COVID-related projects helped a community address pandemic-related challenges. . . [More>](#)

Engineering Priorities for Federal Relief Package - [How You Can Help, with easy to use tools.](#)

ACEC/MA's GAC reviews bills impacting our Engineering / PLS / A/E community.

Next GAC Meeting = 11/13 @ 10 AM on Zoom.

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COVID-19 Resources and Guidance for ACEC/MA Members

Scholarship Opportunities

2021 Rossiter Family Scholarship On Behalf of William J. Rizzo, Jr. Accepting Applications by 12/7/20 for a woman or minority student currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program in civil or environmental engineering. This scholarship, awarded through TECET, has a total value of \$10,000 for one eligible student this year... [More >](#)

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