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Dear ACEC/MA Member,

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

Sending this a bit earlier today in case you would like to attend our Post-Election Wrap Up Webinar at 9:30 AM
Today =====>



Last Chance to Register:

Post-Election Wrap Up

ACEC/MA Webinar

TODAY, 11/5, 9:30 – 11 AM

Advance Registration before 9:15 AM Today Required, \$55/ACEC/MA Member for this webinar

What the Presidential, Congressional, State legislative and ballot question election results mean for you, your business, and our political agenda. Featuring:

- **Congresswoman Katherine Clark** (D, MA-05)
- **State Senator Cindy F. Friedman**, (D, 4th Middlesex)
- **Steve Hall**, Senior Vice President, Advocacy and External Affairs, American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)
- **Jeff Terrey**, Principal and Managing Director, Public Affairs Senior Vice President, Rasky Partners
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SBA Questionnaire for PPP Borrowers \$2 Million+ Loans

The SBA recently produced a questionnaire that borrowers with PPP loans over \$2 million will receive from their lenders. Borrowers must submit the completed questionnaire if they are seeking loan forgiveness. . . [More >](#)

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

The MBTA is looking at a large FY2022 budget deficit (estimated at \$308M) with plans to reduce some service and move some capital budget funding to the operating budget. While the MBTA is still hoping for help through a federal bill, the MBTA has to plan for no federal help, with severe drops in ridership, particularly on commuter rail and ferry service. The MBTA needs input: MBTA customers are encouraged to go online and [provide feedback here](#), and/or to participate in any of 11 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 community region within the MBTA's service area. **See Meeting details and the schedule for a series of virtual public hearings that on November 10, 2020 regarding proposed MBTA Service Cuts here: <https://www.mbta.com/forging-ahead>**

Government Affairs

11/2/2020: Baker-Polito Administration Announces Comprehensive Measures to Further Promote Diversity in State Contracting

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

The Baker-Polito Administration is filing legislation entitled, "An Act to Elevate the Supplier Diversity Office to Ensure Equal Opportunity in State Contracting." The bill 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. Because this is a late file bill in a very unusual legislative session, it is unclear whether the legislature will take this up during the remainder of the 2019-2020 legislative session or will seek to have the Governor re-file the bill for the new 2021-2022 session that starts in January 2021.

House Ways and Means to Release Budget Proposal on November 5 for remainder of FY2021, with debate next week. . . [More >](#)

Deadline Extended: Submit Your Firm's COVID-19-Related Project to Engineering Inc. by Friday, November 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 four 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 >](#)

ACEC/MA Education Corporation Scholarship - Due 1/29/21: several scholarships for the 2021-2022 academic year... [More >](#)

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