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ACEC/MA Emerging Leaders Program Starts 2/25/21

Designed for emerging leaders with approximately 8-15 years of experience, this **highly rated 7-session program** imparts specific skills and competencies identified by top ACEC/MA CEOs as critical for leadership success.

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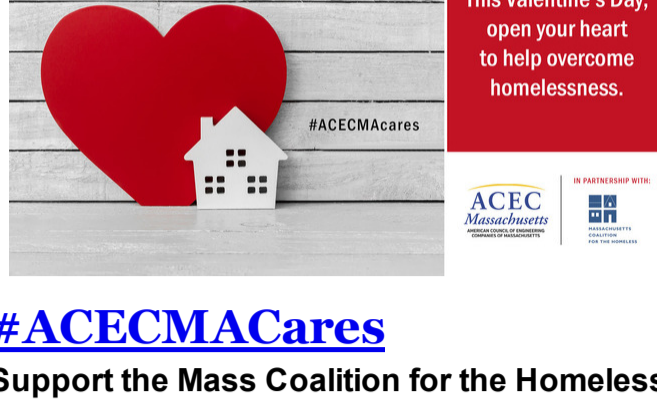
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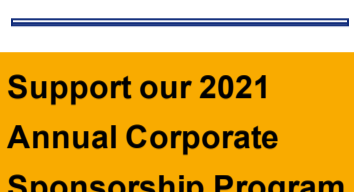


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Support the Mass Coalition for the Homeless by 2/28/21

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

Our goal is to raise \$25,000 by February 28, 2021. We're over the 70 yard line toward our goal, with your help! [DONATE TODAY](#) and you can help make a difference for those who need a place to call home! [More >](#)



ACEC/MA Private Sector Committee Briefing: Solar Arrays & Solar Development in MA

2/16, 8:30 AM on Zoom

[Contact us for Zoom info](#)

Open to all ACEC/MA Members

Led by Eric Las, PE, LEED AP, Vice President, Beals and Thomas, Inc. and Titus Edwards, Lead Senior Bridge Consultant, York Bridge Concepts, Inc. [More >](#)

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Black History Month Profile: Jack Bryant, former Tuskegee Airman Turned Engineer



The Fall issue of ACEC's

[Engineering Inc. magazine](#) features profiles of eight black-owned member firms, including 3 ACEC/MA Member Firms:

Bryant Associates, Peer Consultants and Triunity

Engineering & Management. In honor of Black History

Month, ACEC is highlighting these profiles. Read the article starting on page 55: [here's the full magazine.](#)

21 Design Firm Predictions for 2021

Making predictions is a tricky business at the best of times, but especially so after a year of upheaval. If anything, the uncertainty creates a stronger temptation for us to try to forecast the year ahead. Greyling, the broker and program administrator for the [ACEC Business Insurance Trust](#) is, of course, in the risk and insurance business, so here goes: **2021 will mark a turning point.** The business landscape has fundamentally shifted and so has the playing field for developers, architects, engineers, and contractors. Success in 2021 will depend on a design firm's ability and willingness to adapt to the disruption and to effectively manage the risks that come with that opportunity. Greyling has evaluated that new landscape, peered into the future through their lens of experience, and created [a list of 21 Predictions for 2021 focused on the impact to design firms.](#)

ACEC to Present 5-Session Course on How to Engage with Local, State, and Federal Lawmakers

ACEC will offer a new five-session live online course: **Effective Government Engagement at the Local, State, and Federal Levels** starting 3/2/21 to help member firms advocate for their interests with lawmakers. [More >](#)

Government Affairs

Last week we reported on Section 18 of [Chapter 358 of the Acts of 2020](#), the **Economic Development Bond Bill**, changes the state's zoning enabling law and requires MBTA communities to have at least one zoning district of reasonable size in which multi-family housing is permitted as of right. On 2/9/21, Governor Baker highlighted **Section 19** of this bill in a virtual signing ceremony. This section includes Governor Baker's "housing choice" proposal to **lower the threshold to a simple majority for local governing boards to approve changes to zoning rules** to facilitate the construction of new housing. This is something that our member firms will want to note as they work on housing projects.

ICYMI: 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 the loan as a credit on cost-based contracts.** [More, including link to ACEC Advocacy Center >](#)

[ACEC/MA's State Budget Resource Page for FY2022](#)

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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