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**4 Informative Articles in  
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new format!**



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## Message from ACEC National President Linda Darr

... ACEC National's advocacy department is working hard to distribute guidance from federal agencies responsible for implementing coronavirus response legislation. Today, the IRS released [guidance](#) on the payroll tax credits connected to Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) emergency paid leave, and made available [Form 7200](#) for advance payment of these tax credits. This information and more has been posted to ACEC's resource page.. [More >](#)

## 2 Complimentary ACEC National Webinars For You

**April 2, 1:30 to 2:30 pm: [Navigating Your Small Firm Though the COVID-19](#)**

**April 7, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm: [You're Not Alone: Tools for Living and Working in Uncertain Times](#)**

These can also be accessed on-demand if you can't make the live presentation.

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## COVID-19 Resources and Guidance for ACEC/MA Members

**Small Business Paycheck Protection Program** forms are now available for April 3 start for Small Businesses of less than 500 employees: The Paycheck Protection Program prioritizes millions of Americans employed by small businesses by authorizing up to \$349 billion toward job retention and certain other expenses. [More info >](#)

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**MassDOT Highway Now Accepts Electronic Invoices From Consultants** [More info >](#)

**March 31: Governor Baker issued an order now limiting essential construction to Housing & Infrastructure and extending the Non-Essential Business Closures until May 4** + Information on ACEC/MA and ACEC National work, along with state government updates for business. [More >](#)

## ACEC Retirement Trust Plan Sponsors: CARES Act, COVID-19, and Plan Sponsor Considerations



**April 2, 2020 1:00 PM ET**

[Registration Link for this 30 minutes complimentary webinar for any ACEC member focused on retirement plans.](#) [Sign up to receive a link to the recording too.](#)

Last week, Congress passed and President Trump signed into law a \$2 trillion fiscal stimulus bill designed to offset the impact of the coronavirus on the U.S. economy and the American public. Called the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and

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Economic Security (CARES) Act, several provisions extend to Retirement Plans and individuals.

ACEC/MA members with any retirement plans are faced with unique challenges from professional to personal, affecting every department. This week, many retirement plan providers are asking Plan Sponsors to decide within the next **day to six days if they Opt In or Opt Out of the provisions under the Care Act**, placing urgency on firm leaders and Retirement Benefits committees.

Join the ACEC Retirement Trust for a live discussion with guest speaker Erin Turley, Partner-McDermott, Will & Emery (Legal Counsel to the ACEC Retirement Trust) as we explore the CARES Act, COVID-19 and considerations for you as a Plan Sponsor as you navigate this rapidly changing environment.



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## Government Affairs

- **[Baker Administration Issues Additional Construction Guidance to Municipalities Clarifying Some Construction as an Essential Service](#)**
- **[New Legislation Proposes Extension of Permits During Current State of Emergency ..... More on these issues>](#)**

Last week, Governor Baker issued an [Executive Order](#) to suspend relevant permitting deadlines and extend out the validity of state permits. The order covers a wide range of state approvals and clarifies that all approvals shall toll during the State of Emergency. It will remain in effect until rescinded or until the state of emergency is terminated, [Subscribe to our email list](#) whichever happens first.

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In addition, the Governor filed [H. 4586 An Act to further address challenges faced by municipalities, school districts and state authorities resulting from COVID-19.](#)

This bill includes language on municipal approvals for development projects. At press time, the Senate proposed [S. 2622](#), with slightly different language on some municipal issues. Action is expected on these bills later this week.

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**ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Committee (GAC)** reviews bills impacting our engineering/ PLS /A/E community.

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**4/17 Government Affairs Comm (GAC) Meeting, 10 - 11 AM on Zoom**

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