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News from ACEC/Massachusetts

Dear ACEC/MA Member,
**Here's Your 4/22/21
ACEC/Matters**

ACEC/MA Launches Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Forum

1st Forum: 5/6, 3:30 - 5 PM

ACEC/MA is excited to announce its new DEI Forum, established to advance the ideals of diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout Massachusetts' engineering community.

**Last chance to
nominate colleagues
for one of these
awards:**

**ACEC/MA
Awards
Nominations
Due 4/23:**

**- Young
Professional**
**- Community
Service**

Hear the results of ACEC/MA's recent DEI survey and initiatives our member firms are pursuing within their organizations. Through small and large group discussions we'll share our reactions to the results, as well as our ideas and experiences to improve DEI within our firms and industry. We'll wrap it up with thoughts on how this Forum can support your firms.

Open to anyone employed by an ACEC/MA Member Firm:
Sign Up by 5/3 for an Outlook appt. with Zoom info for 5/6.

Upcoming ACEC/MA Comm/Forum Sessions

ACEC National:

**US DOT
Secretary Pete
Buttigieg Joins
Us at:**

**[2021
Convention &
Legislative
Summit](#)**

**Virtual 4/26 - 4/28
ACEC 4/25 National
Board Meeting @ 10
AM is open to all
members. [Contact us
for Zoom Info](#) + hear
incoming Chair Robin
Greenleaf's remarks.**

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Building Engineering Committee + DCAMM

4/23, 8:30 AM

Guests: Susan Ruch, Dir. of Environmental Services, Office of Facilities Maintenance and Management + **Hope Davis**, Deputy Cmr. of Facilities Management and Maintenance, **DCAMM** [Zoom Info?](#)

MassDOT-ACEC/MA-CIM Cape Cod Canal Bridges Project Briefing

5/7, 11 AM on Zoom Webinar

More Info + [Advance Registration Required >](#)

QBS Member Briefing

5/11, 4 - 5:30 PM

[Sign up here by 5/3, 5 pm for Zoom info](#)

Learn why using Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) to select engineers and land surveyors for public and private sector projects is more important than ever... [More >](#)

From Recent ACEC/MA Comm/Forum Sessions

A & F Forum + Private Sector Committee (PSC) on Economic Trends

4/20 session with Erin K. McLaughlin, VP, Private Market Resources, ACEC, [PDF of Economic Outlook
Presentation](#)



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4/21 session with Cassandra Gascon Bligh, Community Grants Program Administrator MassDOT Highway, [PDF of Municipal Grants in TBB Presentation](#)

ACEC Releases 2021 Guide to Returning to the Office and Job Site

With COVID-19 vaccines becoming widely available, member firms across the country are facing decisions about returning to the workplace and job site. To help firms respond to this challenge safely while managing legal risk, ACEC has updated its **Guide to Returning to the Office and Job Site**. [Download the Guide.... More >](#)

Government Affairs

Climate-Resilient Construction Targeted in New State Tool

On 4/21/21, the Baker administration launched a tool to allow municipalities to assess the climate change risk level of planned projects and get recommendations to make the designs more resilient.

The Resilient MA Action Team Climate Resilience Design Standards Tool aims to help municipal leaders think about how climate change over the coming decades might affect developments that are still in the planning stages and for the state to share mitigation recommendations... [More >](#)

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FY2022 State Budget Process

When the MA House of Representatives meets next week, they will debate the House Ways and Means FY2022 budget proposal and the [1,157 amendments](#) representatives filed by April 16 Last week, House Speaker Ronald Mariano and House Ways and Means Chair Aaron Michlewitz released the House's proposed budget for FY2022. Learn more on our [FY2022 Budget Resource Page](#)

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

Next GAC Meeting = 5/21 @ 10 AM on Zoom

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