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Here's Your 4/29/21  
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### ACEC PAC: ACEC/MA Reaches 2021 Goal!

Thank you to our  
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ACEC PAC is a key tool for our federal advocacy program. With help from many members, we raised **\$25,200 for the ACEC PAC in 2021, exceeding our goal of \$23,821.59!** ... [More >](#)



## Indoor Air Quality – Changing Expectations & the new Norm!

*An ACEC/MA Webinar Program*

Join us to learn about the role of HVAC systems in IAQ, understanding ASHRAE standards and design options, and more.

**May 12, 9:30AM Zoom Networking, 10AM Webinar**

Featuring:

- **Larry Schoen**, Principal Engineer, Schoen Engineering Inc.
- **Ellen Blackburn**, CMC, VP, Environmental Services, PES Associates
- **Ken Wertz**, MFAA Exec. Director & Director of Maintenance & Operations, Sharon Public School
- Moderator: **Nick Ferzacca**, PE, Architectural Engineers, Inc
- Resource People: **Michael Camoscio**, PE, STV, **Abdullah Khaliqi**, PE, Fitzemeyer & Tocci Associates, Inc

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

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

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.**

## From MBTA to Consultant Community:

Maureen McDonough, MBTA's Deputy Chief of Contract Services asked ACEC/MA to share the following with our members:

### MBTA Construction Contract Extended

**Overhead:** This recently published policy is focused on claims from construction contractors, but many of our firms are involved in the evaluation of such claims so it is important that to understand the MBTA Policy: **[Capital Programs Construction Contract Extended Overhead Policy](#)**

### Upcoming SOPs To Document Policies and Procedures:

The MBTA is developing SOPs to document policies and procedures related to their business practices. They will be

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rolling out the first two in May related to EWOL and Task Orders. MBTA will share them with ACEC/MA to distribute.

These SOPs will have very strict rules about providing services without proper written authorization. While such rules previously existed, they were not strictly enforced.

Once the SOPs are in effect, firms should expect that the MBTA will strictly enforce the rules in the SOP, which state that **if a firm is working without proper authorization, the firm will not be paid for their services.** If a firm is currently working without proper authorization including no EWOL or an expired EWOL or no Task Order or Contract in effect, the firm needs to immediately work with their PM to get paperwork in place so that the firm is not working at risk and unable to be compensated.

Firms will need to closely manage their contracts so that if they need a new Task Order or an amendment, they are asking months in advance and developing the documentation in a timely manner so that it is in place when it is needed.

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## Upcoming ACEC/MA Comm/Forum Sessions:

### Building Engineering Committee (BEC) - Project Update with Jack Keleher, DCAMM

5/4, 1 - 1 PM [Zoom Info?](#)

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

5/7, 11 AM on Zoom Webinar

[ACEC Last Word blog:](#)  
News & insight on the  
Council & the A/E/C  
Industry + [Blog with  
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**More Info + [Advance Registration Required >](#)**

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## **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 >](#)

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## **[COVID-19 Resources & Guidance](#)**

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## **From Recent ACEC/MA Committee/Forum Sessions:**

### **Building Engineering Committee (BEC) + DCAMM on 4/23**

**[PDF of Presentation](#) by Susan Ruch, Dir. of Environmental Services, Office of Facilities Maintenance and Management + Hope Davis, Deputy Cmr. of Facilities Management and Maintenance, at DCAMM**

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## **Government Affairs**

### **U.S. DOT Secretary Pete Buttigieg Calls for Passage of Infrastructure Bill by Memorial Day**

Addressing the ACEC Virtual Annual Convention on April 28, the U.S. Transportation Secretary said passing a comprehensive infrastructure package this year is “a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.” He called on Congress to

put together and pass legislation by Memorial

Day... [More>](#)

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## **FY2022 State Budget Process**

This week, the MA House of Representatives is debating the House Ways and Means FY2022 budget proposal and the [1,157 amendments](#) representatives filed by April 16 Budget debate continues today. When this version of budget is finalized, we'll have details on our [FY2022 Budget Resource Page](#)

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**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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