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Here's Your 5/13/21 ACEC/Matters

When Words Matter - Words Really Do Matter

An ACEC/MA Leadership Education Course

May 20, 25, 27, 2021

3 session course, 4 - 5:30 PM on Zoom, 18 seats left; limited to 30

A highly interactive course focusing on case studies, group exercises, and valuable lessons learned. **When Words Matter** includes professional writing specific to the documents developed by our engineers, scientists, and planners, via three 90-minute sessions with 2 modules per session and breakout discussions.

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Mobilizing for Organizational Change to Address Microaggressions

Registration Now Open for this ACEC/MA DEI Workshop

Limited to 30 people

6/1 + 6/2, 1- 5 PM on Zoom





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This 2-session workshop will introduce the **Get A Collective GRIP®** approach for addressing microaggressions through bystander activation. UMass Lowell Center for Women & Work's distinctive approach emphasizes ways that bystander action can **foster more positive and inclusive organizational cultures** by promoting collective accountability for challenging expressions of workplace bias.

Rather than a one-time bystander workshop, the approach underscores the **importance of embedding the bystander work within an organization**. The workshop will guide participants in the development of a strategic plan for bringing about significant organizational change. UML's Trainers recommend that firms enroll 2 people from each firm.

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Engineers and Land Surveyors Virtually @ the State House

Register Today

If you register for this free series of events by May 18, we'll send you invitations for certain legislative appointments on May 18, 19, and 20.

If you register after May 18, you can still participate in June and July.

In 2021, we are holding this event virtually, with at least six legislative appointments with certain key legislative leaders starting on May 18, plus small group virtual appointments that will be organized in June and July with your State Representative and your State Senator. This is very different from past years, but it is important for legislators to hear from the engineering and land surveying community.

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USACE Task Order Memo Released: Updated Procedures for the Selection of Task Orders on A/E Indefinite Delivery Contracts (IDCs).

ACEC National's Dan Hilton shared this with ACEC/MA:

The Army Corps of Engineers recently published a Memorandum for the Acquisition Community: [Updated Procedures for the Selection of Task Orders on Architect-Engine Indefinite Delivery Contracts \(IDCs\).](#)

This memo rescinds the Directors Policy Memorandum 2020-02, which was published in March 2020.

The guidance's purpose is to reinforce requirements and specify procedures for the selection of an A/E contractor under a multiple-award task order contract (MATOC). ACEC Federal Agencies and Procurement Advocacy Committee Chair, Miro Kurka, served on the Industry-USACE "Tiger Team" to help the Corps identify a new path forward to develop the guidance. **The guidance has been issued to ensure compliance with the Brooks Act and FAR requirements**, it can be broken down into five components....[More>](#)

QBS Briefing Materials

Speaking of the Brooks Act: On May 11, ACEC/MA's QBS Committee held a briefing for about 30 ACEC/MA members. Even if you missed this briefing, here are links to yesterday's materials:

- PPT from 5/11/2021 ACEC/MA Member Briefing: [PDF of Presentation](#)
- Recording of 5/11/2021 ACEC/MA Member

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Briefing: <https://youtu.be/4I330QzjJqU>

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Government Affairs

Engineers & Land Surveyors @ the State House - Virtually in May

As noted above, join us for some of 6 virtual appointments with certain Massachusetts legislative leaders starting on May 18 and then help with advocacy with your own legislators. [Registration & Information>](#)

Senate Ways & Means Releases FY2022 Budget; Debate begins May 24... 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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