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# ACEC/Matters - News from ACEC/Massachusetts

Dear ACEC/MA Member,  
**Here's Your 5/6/21 ACEC/Matters**

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

*An ACEC/MA Webinar Program*



Join us to learn about the role of HVAC, understanding ASHRAE standards and design options, and more.  
**New:** MBTA's Mark Molewyk, Director of Special Projects, joins the lineup for this webinar.

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**5/12, 9:30 AM Zoom Networking, 10 AM - Webinar**

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

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

Open to anyone employed by an ACEC/MA Member Firm:  
[Sign Up by 5/6 at 2 pm](#) for an Outlook appt. with Zoom info for 5/6.



# 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, 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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## ACEC Research Institute Launches Design-Build Study

### ACEC/MA Member Firms' Input Needed

ACEC/MA encourages your firm's participation in the new landmark study by the [ACEC Research Institute](#) on the challenges posed by Design-Build project delivery.

Our industry faces numerous pressures in DB projects, including risk management, insurance practices, claims, disputes, litigation, and team satisfaction. **ACEC's Research Institute Chair John Carrato emailed the survey link to one senior leader at each Full Member firm last week.** He recommends sharing the survey link with the firm's **Design-Build or Alternative Project Delivery Leader, as well as Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and Chief Operating Officer (COO).**

Your firm's participation is critical to the study's success. **If your firm did not receive the survey, contact Victor**

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Galotti [victor.galotti@colorado.edu](mailto:victor.galotti@colorado.edu) on the research team.

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## 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 Requests All FY2021 Invoices for work completed from Design Consultants by 6/10/2021

As of May 3, the MBTA has 244 outstanding invoices for design – that they have not received from 30 prime design consultants – for an estimated \$21 Million. The MBTA has asked us to emphasize that they need invoices for FY2021 to be submitted **before June 10 (even earlier is better)** to be able to pay them before the end of FY2021. They are really eager to get these submitted so they have time to work on them and get them paid before June 30, 2021. If you are facing invoice review delays or payment issues for which you need help, contact [Abbie Goodman](#).

[More MBTA News Here>](#)



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Open to All Members

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### Upcoming ACEC/MA Comm/Forum Sessions:

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

**5/7, 11 AM on Zoom Webinar**

**If Your Firm is an  
ACEC/MA Member,  
YOU're an ACEC/MA  
Member.**

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

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## **QBS Member Briefing**

**5/11, 4 - 5:30 PM**

**[Sign up here by 5/10, 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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## **ACEC PAC: ACEC/MA Reaches 2021 Goal!**

**Thank you to our ACEC 2021 PAC Contributors!**

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 >](#)

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## **Government Affairs**

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

**We are planning to hold 6 virtual appointments with certain Massachusetts legislative leaders starting on or after May 18. Registration will open next week.**

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### **Senate Ways & Means Plans FY2022 Budget release on May 11; Debate begins May 24; House Finishes Its Version...**

more 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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- **Need help? Contact [acecma@engineers.org](mailto:acecma@engineers.org) or 617-227-5551; Use a registration form for more than 1 person**

Links live 5/6; Next issue 5/13

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