Class details:
- Seven Sessions: March 5, 2020 through April 16, 2020
- If we postpone a session due to weather, it will be held on April 30, 2020; save this date.
- We hold most sessions at the Conference Center at Waltham Woods, 860 Winter St, Waltham, MA.
- Session 2 will be on Monday, March 9.
- Session 4 will be held in conjunction with, and include admission to the ACEC/MA 2020 Awards Gala at the Renaissance Waterfront, Boston, MA on March 26.
- Session 5, Government Affairs & QBS, will be @ Aldrich Center at The Engineering Center, One Walnut St, Boston, MA on April 2.
- You are expected to attend all sessions.

Cost:
- $2,200 per person from an ACEC/MA Member Firm or Full-time Government Employee
- $2,600 per person from a Non-Member Firm

More information:
- 617-227-5551 or acecma@engineers.org

Professional Development Hours: 24.5 PDHs (not in NY or FL), which may be accepted in some states for continuing education for PEs and PLSs. Attendees will receive an email from the RCEP system to set up a free account for tracking PDHs. For full PDH credit you must attend all sessions.

Firms with ≤100 employees may apply for a Workforce Express Grant to assist with tuition. For information, contact acecma@engineers.org
Session 1 - Ice Breaker & Keynote Address
Phyllis Brunner, PE, Woodard & Curran
Thursday, March 5, 2020
3:00 – 6:30 PM
This session gives participants the opportunity to meet and engage with each other using fun activities designed to open conversation. In addition, you will be guided in a focused dialogue designed to explore what you hope to gain personally and collectively from the Emerging Leaders Program. Finally, you will hear a Keynote Address by an industry leader on the responsibilities, perils and benefits of leadership.

Session 2 - Leadership in a Professional Services Firm
Colleen DelVecchio
Monday, March 9, 2020
3:30 – 8:00 PM
The strongest asset for any organization is its people. Maximizing that asset is essential to strong leadership. Learn about key communication and influencing styles, as you communicate more effectively with colleagues, subordinates, senior leaders and clients. We’ll cover how you select and develop effective team members and future leaders.

Session 3 - Strategic Planning and Business Development for Technical Professionals
Rich Friedman
Thursday, March 19, 2020
3:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Instilling and encouraging a strong business development (BD) culture in your firm makes great business sense — it can be an important differentiator and can positively influence your firm’s project delivery, recruiting, hiring, and career development processes. Developing a BD culture requires understanding the distinction between marketing and BD, exposing common BD myths as false, recognizing the many ways in which technical staff can contribute to the BD process, and investing in strategies that yield the highest return-on-investment.

Strategic planning is an essential process for assessing and evaluating a business and creating a viable, flexible guide for future success. Critical components of a successful planning effort include preparing and establishing a plan baseline and creating the plan. You’ll examine a strategic plan’s major elements, including organizational vision, schedule, responsibilities, accountabilities and metrics.

Session 4 - Economics of Practice
David Cohen, Esq., ASA
Thursday, March 26, 2020
1:00 – 5:00 PM @ Renaissance Waterfront, Boston
Understanding the role and importance of financial project management is a critical attribute of emerging leaders. It is equally important that they understand fundamental metrics of successful firms, which financial indicators are important, and what they mean for future growth. In this session, we will discuss these important financial management issues.

After this session, participants have complimentary admission to attend the 2020 ACEC/MA Awards Gala at the Renaissance Waterfront.

Session 5 - Government Affairs & QBS
Abbie Goodman, Jeff Terrey, TBA Legislator
Thursday, April 2, 2020
3:30 PM – 7:30 PM @ The Engineering Center
Elected and appointed government officials influence the overall business climate and an individual firm’s success. Business leaders need to know how to participate effectively in the public arena and build consensus. They also need to understand how government affairs activities can help their business succeed and how to encourage active participation at the grassroots level in the firm. This session also includes a discussion with a current Massachusetts legislator, who will provide perspective on how design firms businesses can effectively engage with public leaders.

Session 6 - Contracts and Risk Management
Eric Howard & TBA
Thursday, April 9, 2020
3:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Carefully worded contract provisions minimize risk to design professionals. We’ll discuss how contract provisions allocate risks between parties and the legal effect of specific contract provisions. We’ll review provisions such as the standard of care, scope of services, indemnification, limitation of liability and consequential damages. Examples will include claims that arose on projects relating to specific contract provisions and how the contract provisions affected resolution of the claims.

Session 7 - From Management to Leadership – Secrets of Success
Joanne Linowes - Facilitator, Industry Leaders to be announced
Thursday, April 16, 2020
3:30 PM – 8:00 PM
Take the opportunity to network with a diverse panel of leading industry professionals as you participate in role play interactive exercises that give you a chance to put new leadership skills developed throughout the course into action. This popular session is the culmination of the Emerging Leaders Program experience. The facilitated session gives participants a chance to ask industry leaders questions concerning industry, practices, and management. And we conclude the program with a Graduation Celebration with ACEC/MA Board Members and the ACEC/MA Leadership Education Committee.

Session 2 is on Monday, March 9
Snow Date is April 30, 2020.

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