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ACEC/MA Engineering & Public Works Roadshow: William Felton "Bill" Russell Bridge

Oct. 23, 9:30 AM @ RSM, Charlestown + on the bridge

*ACEC/MA Program - **Register by 5 pm today.***

Celebrate the William Felton "Bill" Russell Bridge connecting Boston's North End to Charlestown with briefing, technical tour, & lunch. Speakers include MassDOT Highway's **Jonathan Gulliver**.

We're grateful to RSM for their hospitality.

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[More Info + Registration](#)

Actionable Strategies to Prepare Your Teams for an AI-driven Future

Nov. 5, 8 AM @ CDM Smith, Boston or Zoom

*An ACEC/MA Breakfast Program - **Register by 10/31***

Guest: **Mehdi Nourbakhsh, PhD, CEO, YegaTech**

How is AI transforming engineering design, project delivery, and decision-making? Explore real-world use cases where AI enhances creativity, efficiency, & client value, key opportunities & threats, plus actionable strategies to prepare your teams for an AI-driven future.

Roundtable: **Carrie Lavallee, PE**, MassDOT Highway Deputy Administrator & Chief Engineer + others TBA.

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Reference: [Opening General Session Remarks from Linda Bauer Darr @ ACEC Fall Conference](#) - including insights on AI.

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ACEC/MA Genesis Leadership Education Course - Fall 2025

Nov. 3, 10, 17, 2- 5 PM @ Mott MacDonald, Westwood

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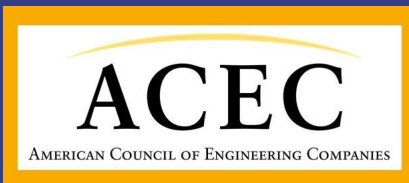
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3-session course on topics vital for professionals with about 3-5 years experience. Only 16 seats left. Thank you to Mott MacDonald for their hospitality.

More Info + Registration

ACEC Private Sector Committee Presentation - Ready or not, here comes AI!

Oct. 21, 8:30 AM, Teams

Guest: **Jamie Barr**, LEP, Langan, a geological engineer with more than 25 years of diversified consulting experience who manages Langan's CT & MA environmental practices. Jamie leads Langan's AI Steering Committee; he's a recognized AEC thought-leader on AI.

Frank Holmes (Langan) & **Katie Moniz** (Fort Point Associates/Tetra Tech), ACEC/MA Private Sector Comm Co-Chairs, will lead the discussion.

Request Teams Info

ACEC/MA Building Engineering Committee (BEC) Meeting with DSB's Simone Early

Oct. 21, 9 AM, Teams or attend @ Aldrich Center, TEC, Boston

Virtual update from **Simone Early**, Exec. Dir., MA Designer Selection Board, with helpful guidance on ***What the DSB is Looking For*** in applications.

Join BEC Co-Chairs **Emily Roberts** (Arup) & **Mike Camoscio** (STV) in person @ Aldrich Center @ *The Engineering Center, 1 Walnut St, Boston or on Teams.*

Learn More & Request Teams Info

Establishing Baseline Scope Process & Scope Change Control Process in e-BUILDER - MBTA Briefing

Oct. 22, 3 -5 PM, Zoom

With this training, the MBTA is establishing a new process for changes in scope using e-Builder. ACEC/MA is coordinating this Zoom briefing.

[Download advance deck](#)

Learn More & Register

2025 Designer Connection Event for Public Projects

Oct. 28, 8:30 AM - 12:45 PM, Roxbury Community College - Register by 10/21: [Designer Connection Event Registration & Firm Profile](#)



DCAMM, the Designer Selection Board, and the Supplier Diversity Office invite you or your firm's representatives to the 2025 Designer Connection Event, which brings together prime firms, subconsultants, SDO-certified firms, and emerging and small firms to build new partnerships for public building projects.

[Learn More](#)

Greater Lowell Technical High School (GLTHS) - STEM Week Opportunities

ACEC/MA's partnership with Greater Lowell Technical High School (GLTHS) encourages more students to pursue engineering & land surveying careers. Volunteer to participate in STEM week activities with students (virtual or in person) October 20-24. Activities will be during normal school hours. Interested? Contact [Filomena Maybury](#) or [David Langlais](#). Help us inspire the future minds of our industry!

ACEC/MA TALC (Transportation Agencies Liaison Comm)

Oct. 22, 12 noon, HNTB + Zoom

Guests: **Luisa Paiewonsky**, Executive Director, Megaprojects Delivery Office, MassDOT, **Shaunna Jammal**, MBTA Chief of Capital Program Support, **Yvelisse Duverge**, Director of Professional Services & Alternative Delivery

In Person Attendance is full. Zoom attendance from ACEC/MA Member Firms is still open: If you are with a member firm but are not yet on ACEC/MA's TALC roster, [sign up here](#) to receive Zoom info & meeting materials by 10/20.

Thank you to HNTB for hosting this meeting & lunch.

Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) Seeks 1 Professional Engineer for Designer Selection Committee

The MA Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) is looking for one PE to fill a two-year term for the EOHLC Designer Selection Committee (DSC) beginning in October/November 2025, with the possibility to serve another 2-year term beyond that. All DSC members are eligible to serve two consecutive 2-year terms.

We have been asked to identify qualified candidates to serve on the DSC.

[Learn More](#)

MBTA Training on New Professional Services Invoice Template

The MBTA requires consultants to use this new invoice template for all new contracts. Existing contracts have a waiver until **January 1, 2026** to allow consultants time to transition data from the existing invoice template to the new format.

On 10/2, MBTA's Stephanie C. Renault & Doug Shea notified ACEC/MA about Version 3: [More info.](#)

MBTA, in conjunction with ACEC/MA, will provide **one more 1-hour training session with Q&A on Zoom**. This session is open to any design professional firm working for the MBTA; advance registration is required through ACEC/MA.

Sign up for this training session: **November 12, 11 AM: [Information & Sign Up](#)**

Government Affairs

FEDERAL NEWS

[U.S. DOT Changes to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise \(DBE\) Program](#)

[New! Engineering Industry's Economic Impact](#)

Monitoring the Trump White House's Impact on Engineering:
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STATE and LOCAL NEWS

[Trump Administration Once Again Delays Critical Lead Pipe Replacement Funds for Massachusetts](#)

[We don't need 100 different septic system rules; Statewide regulations should be updated then used by all towns](#) - Boston Globe paywall

ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Comm (GAC) acts on bills impacting our Eng/PLS/A/E Community. GAC meets next on 10/22, 10 AM in person @ The Engineering Center + Zoom. [Request Zoom for 10/22.](#)

Join us as we review bills impacting the engineering, land surveying, and design professional community.

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ACEC/MA STEM Task Force

Opps & Resources to promote **STEM careers**, particularly in Engineering & Land Surveying.

See our [STEM Task Force page](#) for opportunities to get involved with STEM Week and other K-12 activities to increase awareness about engineering and land surveying careers.

[ACEC Last Word Blog](#): News & insights on the Council & the industry

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