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Kevin O'Shea Named Incoming Executive Director of ACEC/MA

ACEC/MA is pleased to announce that **Kevin O'Shea** has been selected as its next Executive Director, succeeding longtime leader **Abbie Goodman** following a transition period.

O'Shea brings a wealth of experience in government and the energy sector to the role. Most recently, he served as Director of Government Affairs for New England at National Grid, where he led the company's advocacy related to clean energy, climate resilience, and grid modernization in the region. Previously, he held several positions within the MA Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, working on energy policy, climate programs, and environmental conservation. He began his career in Washington, D.C., in the U.S. Senate as a legislative aide. [More](#)

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, **Todd Clarke, PE**, Senior Vice President & Principal Transportation Engineer, Hoyle Tanner, **Michael Pelletier, PE**, Senior Project Manager, CDM Smith, **Erik Zuker, PE**, Structural Engineer, HNTB, and **Bill Ashworth**, Chief Operating Officer & President-Elect, VHB.

We're grateful to CDM Smith for their hospitality.

If your firm is a Platinum or Gold Sponsor listed on the left, some seats are included with your sponsorship. Talk with your ACEC/MA Firm representative about how to register for these 1-2 seats by 10/31.

Reference: [Opening General Session Remarks from Linda Bauer Darr @ ACEC 2025 Fall Conference](#) - including insights on AI.

[More Info + Registration](#)

ACEC/MA Genesis Leadership Education Course - Fall 2025

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

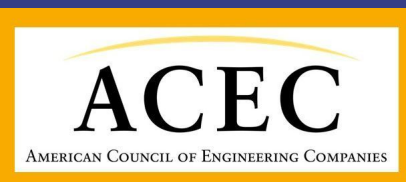
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An ACEC/MA Leadership Education Course

3-session course on topics vital for professionals with about 3-5 years experience. **Only 15 seats left.** Thank you to Mott MacDonald for their hospitality.

[More Info + Registration](#)

What Young Engineering Professionals Want! A Spotlight on the Firm of the Future Study on Workforce

An ACEC Research Institute Session, part of the Future of Engineering Roundtable Series

October 28, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm, Zoom

What do young engineering professionals really want from their consulting careers—and what will make them stay with your firm?

This session combines rich demographic data on the industry's workforce with new insights from the ACEC Research Institute's new Firm of the Future study on workforce.

No charge to participate; advance registration required.

[Learn More](#)

Firm of the Future: Workforce Study – Engineering's Talent Pipeline and Future Demand

An ACEC Research Institute Session, part of the Future of Engineering Roundtable Series

November 12, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm, Zoom

The engineering industry is confronting one of the most significant workforce challenges in its history. This session will present new findings from the recent Firm of the Future study on Workforce, which combines national demographic data and original research to provide a comprehensive view of the engineering talent pipeline.

No charge to participate; advance registration required.

[Learn More](#)

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

At our BEC's October 21, 2025 meeting, Simone Early, Executive Director of the MA Designer Selection Board, brief members about Elements of a Successful Application for Public Building Projects reviewed by DSB. Here's the [PDF of her Presentation](#)

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

[ACEC Honors Mike Carragher and Michael Cooper with Prestigious 2025 Distinguished Service Awards](#)

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

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Monitoring the Trump White House's Impact on Engineering: [Bookmark this ACEC page](#) - announcements, executive actions, & decisions **including tariffs** from White House that directly impact America's engineering & design services industry

STATE and LOCAL NEWS

[Governor Healey, Senator Warren, Senator Markey, Congressman Keating Issue Joint Statement on Cape Cod Bridges](#)

[Governor Healey Appoints MBTA General Manager Phil Eng as Interim Transportation Secretary;](#) Highway Administrator **Jonathan Gulliver** promoted to Undersecretary of Transportation

[Healey-Driscoll Administration Launches Redesigned Solar Incentive Program to Advance Solar Energy in Massachusetts](#)

[50+ Organizations Endorse 'Protect Water and Nature' Ballot Campaign In Broad Show of Support for Land and Water Conservation in Massachusetts](#)

ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Committee (GAC) acts on bills impacting our Eng/PLS/A/E Community. GAC meets next on 11/19, 10 AM on Zoom. [Request Zoom for 11/19.](#)

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

[Join ACEC/MA GAC](#)

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 increase awareness about engineering and land surveying careers.

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

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