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Update on DBE Program From ACEC National

U.S. Department of Transportation Posts Updated Guidance on Changes to Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) has published answers to a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the Interim Final Rule (IFR) making changes to the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program. See the link above for more information.

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

November 5, 8 AM @ CDM Smith, Boston or Zoom option

*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 Clark, 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.

Thank you 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.

More Info + Registration

ACEC/MA Genesis Leadership Education Course - Fall 2025

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

An ACEC/MA Leadership Education Course

3-session course on topics vital for professionals with about 3-5 years experience. **Only 11 seats left.** Thank you to Mott MacDonald for their hospitality.

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ACEC/MA Holds Engineering and Public Works Roadshow Featuring William Felton "Bill" Russell Bridge

October 23, 2025, Boston, MA — The **Engineering and Public Works Roadshow**, a national initiative to elevate the role of infrastructure in everyday life, made its latest stop in **Boston, MA** to celebrate the William Felton "Bill" Russell Bridge, a project that exemplifies the power of engineering and public works to improve lives, strengthen communities, and drive local resilience. The event was hosted by the American Council of Engineering Companies of Massachusetts (ACEC/MA) and held at RSM in Boston....[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 TALC on 11/19 Features MassDOT's State Hydraulics Engineer

November 19, 12 pm - 1:30 pm, GZA GeoEnvironmental, Norwood + Zoom

Guest: **Hanan Fouad, PE, State Hydraulics Engineer, MassDOT**



In Person Attendance is limited to 2 people per ACEC/MA Member firm for this TALC meeting. Please determine which employees will attend in person before anyone from the firm registers.

You can register to attend in person at GZA in Norwood until in-person registration is full at 35 people or by November 12, **which ever comes first. Within your firm, please coordinate who should attend in person in advance before anyone signs up to attend in person.**

[Learn More](#)

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 November/December 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.

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](#)

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

[MTF Summary of Governor Healey's Mass Ready Act](#)

[Senate Approves FY2025 Closeout Supplemental Budget](#)

[Healey-Driscoll Administration Makes Weatherization and Heating Efficiency Upgrades at Public Housing Authorities](#)

[Healey-Driscoll Administration Awards Over \\$12 Million to Create & Improve Local Parks and Protect Natural Land Across 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.

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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 increase awareness about engineering and land surveying careers.

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

Upcoming Major Events to Save the Dates

April 2: State Markets Conference - [Save the Date](#)

April 14: Engineering Excellence and Awards Gala - [Save the Date](#)

May 3-6: ACEC National Annual Convention, Washington, DC - [Save the Date](#)

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