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Registration Now Open: 2026 ACEC/MA Engineers & Land Surveyors Day at the State House - May 28

Join ACEC/MA at our annual advocacy day at the MA State House on **May 28**.

The event begins at **9:30 AM** with a Morning Briefing and breakfast in the Hall of Flags at the **Massachusetts State House in Boston**, followed by appointments with your State Senator and State Representative. ACEC/MA will schedule these meetings for you based on the information you provide during registration.

This is a free event for members of ACEC/MA. There will be three virtual preparation sessions offered ahead of May 28.

Register now to attend. Registration must be complete by **May 14** to ensure we can secure appointments.

If you do not live/vote in Massachusetts, **please do not register for Engineers and Land Surveyors Day at the State House, unless you plan to join colleagues in their meetings.**

MassDOT Holds Industry Day on Service Plaza Procurement

On March 25, MassDOT held an Industry Day to discuss the upcoming procurement with prospective operators, designers, builders, consultants, and contractors.

Materials from the Industry Day and additional important information can be found here. Documents will be uploaded by MassDOT when ready.

Last Chance: Registration Today: ACEC/MA 2026 State Markets Conference - April 2

Registration is nearly full for one of our most popular annual programs - **ACEC/MA 2026 State Markets Conference**.

This conference brings together senior leaders from Massachusetts public agencies to discuss upcoming capital programs, procurement priorities, and project opportunities.

Thursday, April 2, 2026 (7:30 AM – 12:00 PM), MHA Conference Center, Burlington, MA. Also available on Zoom.

Register online here

PDHs will be available for registered attendees.

2026 Engineering Excellence Awards Gala Registration Open

ACEC/MA will be host our 2026 Engineering Excellence and Awards (EEA) Gala on **April 14, 2026** at the Renaissance Boston Seaport District.

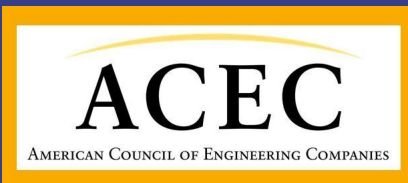
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The ACEC/MA Engineering Excellence and Awards Competition recognizes engineering achievements that demonstrate the highest degree of merit and ingenuity.

We are pleased that **Jonathan Gulliver, MassDOT Undersecretary for Transportation and State Highway Administrator**, will be joining the 2026 Engineering Excellence Awards as Master of Ceremonies.

[Registration is now open.](#)

Time is running out for sponsorship opportunities. More information on EEA sponsorship opportunities can be [found here.](#)

Update on legal challenges and implementation of U.S. DOT DBE program

Late last week, the federal judge presiding over the lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program dismissed the case as moot.

The judge ruled that the Interim Final Rule (IFR) issued by U.S. DOT last October removing the presumption of economic and social disadvantage based on race and gender provided the relief that the plaintiff contractors had sought. As such, the injunction that had been issued by the court was no longer necessary, and the judge decided that it was not appropriate to issue a final ruling on the underlying arguments since the fundamental dynamics of the program had been changed. **[This does NOT reinstate the previous DBE program guidelines.](#)**

The judge's order can be found [here.](#)

ACEC/MA Rising Professionals Committee: PE Exam Prep Session - April 1

ACEC/MA Rising Professionals Committee (RPC) invites you to a special PE Exam Prep Session on **Wednesday, April 1, 2026 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at WSP + Virtual option**. This session will help those seeking their PE licensure to learn more about the PE Exam, its application process, benefits of taking the PE, and Tips and Tricks on how to prepare.

Guest speakers:

- **Paul Tyrell**, PE, PLS, LEED AP, DBIA (HDR), Chair, Massachusetts Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, NCEES Foundation Board of Directors

- **Kaitlyn Wilson**, PE, WSP

WSP will host this briefing at their Boston office located at 100 Summer St, 13th Floor, Boston, MA 02110. A Zoom attendance option is available. Light refreshments will be provided.

[Rising Professional Committee members can register here.](#)

MBTA Construction Bulletin Process Training

The MBTA Construction Bulletin Process (MCBP) is now available to all CMAR projects in e-Builder and will go live on 4/3/2026. The Bulletin Process is used to modify contract documents after construction has started. It allows the MBTA Project Office to change scope or provide



direction to the contractor while formally documenting changes to the contract documents.

The MBTA is offering a training session for all our external business partners on **April 9, from 12:00–1:00 PM.**

[More information and registration for the training can be found here.](#)

MBTA Update to PS Invoicing Package

The MBTA has released minor enhancements to their Invoicing Package (Excel template). The new Version 4 replaces all previous versions and, as usual, is available through the Professional Services (PS) Invoicing SOP.

A summary of the changes introduced with this version in the “Updates” tab of the template.

A few useful references linked below, for your convenience.

[Standard Operating Procedures \(SOPs\) webpage](#)

[PS Invoicing SOP](#)

[Invoicing Package v.4](#)

If you have any questions about the update, please contact [Elena Franks, Deputy Chief, Contract Services.](#)

Registration Now Open: Spring 2026 Genesis Program

ACEC/MA's Genesis Program provides three carefully designed instructional sessions that address key topics identified by firm leaders as vital for the professional with 3-5 years experience. This course has 3 sessions on different dates, in-person only. Attendees are expected to attend all three sessions.

Beginning on Monday, May 4, 2026, the classes are held at CDM Smith in Boston. Thank you CDM Smith for hosting.

Participation limited to 30. There are currently less than 15 spots remaining. Registration is first-come first-served, with a limit of 2 per firm. If there is space available after April 24, an additional participant per firm will be considered. There will be a waitlist.

[Learn more and reserve your spot today.](#)

LAST CHANCE: MassDOT Draft Design-Build Process Manual - Comments Sought

MassDOT Highway has provided ACEC/MA with a [draft copy of MassDOT's Design-Build Process Manual.](#)

They would appreciate any and all feedback as they continue to try to improve consistency within the Design-Build program. Feedback can be sent directly to [Murthy Kolla.](#) **Feedback is requested by March 31, 2026.**

ACEC/MA asks that each interested firm only provide one set of comments to avoid flooding Murthy's inbox.

MBTA Capital Program Memo: Schedule Deliverable Process (MBSDP) Update

The MBTA has provided a memo detailing updates to the Schedule Deliverable (MBSDP) process in e-Builder used to submit construction schedules. The process has been updated to align it with the MBTA's schedule specifications and the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the Construction Schedule Review Process and to reduce the overall process time.

[More information can be found here.](#)

ACEC/MA Seeking Volunteer Representatives to Serve as Trustees of The Engineering Center Education Trust (TECET)

ACEC/MA is seeking volunteer representatives to serve as Trustees of The Engineering Center Education Trust (TECET). Several terms for our current trustees have ended or will conclude in June, creating an opportunity for new volunteers to join the Board.

[More information can be found here.](#)

Registration Waitlist: 2026 MassDOT Transportation Innovation Conference

The annual MassDOT Transportation Innovation Conference provides a forum for innovative transportation systems, management ideas, and initiatives. There is currently a waitlist for attendees.

May 5 & 6, 2026 at the DCU Center, Worcester, MA

[More information can be found here.](#)

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 January 2026, 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.](#)

Government Affairs

ACEC and FEDERAL NEWS

[A/E Industry Shows Resiliency in the Face of National Economic Volatility](#)

[Monitoring U.S. DOT Changes to the Disadvantaged Business](#)

[Enterprise \(DBE\) Program](#): ACEC National's continually updated landing page on DBE-related resources, including DBE FAQs on the Interim Final Rule (IFR), an interactive State DOT DBE Policies map, and ACEC Resources

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

[AG lodges new challenge to EPA decision on greenhouse gas regulation](#)

[With double duty, Phil Eng living out a leadership experiment](#)

[Land conservation question triggers budgeting control questions](#)

[House GOP Leader Jones not running, ending decades at helm](#)

[Highway procurement rebooted after it 'sucked last time'](#)

['It will be ready for the World Cup:' Thursday game at Foxborough to serve as train test run](#)

The March GAC Zoom will be 3/26/26 at 10 AM. [Request Zoom for 3/26/26.](#)

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.

Upcoming Major Events to Save the Dates

April 2: ACEC/MA State Markets Conference - [Register here.](#)

April 14: ACEC/MA Engineering Excellence and Awards Gala - [Register here.](#)

May 3-6: ACEC National Annual Convention, Washington, DC - [Register here.](#)

May 28: Engineers and Land Surveyors Day at the State House - [Register here.](#)

Program Registration

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