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ACEC/MA Odyssey Leadership Class of 2025 at graduation in May 2025.

ACEC/MA Odyssey Leadership Program

Registration is now open for ACEC/MA's FY2026 Odyssey Leadership Program.

-- Why send someone from your team to Odyssey? See what ACEC/MA President Gerry Preble has to say:

*"Beals and Thomas has sent several senior people to the **ACEC/MA Odyssey Leadership program** and each of them came back saying that the program was **the BEST leadership training** they have ever attended and that they are much more self-aware. I strongly recommend this program to anyone who wants to take their personal leadership to the next level."*

- George (Gerry) Preble, PE, President, Beals and Thomas, ACEC/MA 2025-2026 President

This 9 Session Course Starts September 25, 2025 at the Conference Center at Waltham Woods. Class size is limited to 24 people; only 2 people per firm.

Odyssey is a leadership skills development course for senior management, middle management, and anyone who has been identified as a high potential leader.

[More Info + Online Registration](#)

ACEC/MA Rising Professionals Committee Walking Tour @ Cambridge Crossing - limited to 20 Rising Professionals

July 17, 5 PM, location TBA near Cambridge Crossing

1 tour slot left; sign up to join the post-tour gathering at CX Summer Nights.

This tour, led by RPC member **Katie Pritchard** of Beals and Thomas, will highlight how this urban redevelopment embraces the context of the surrounding community and environment by connecting multimodal transportation systems, creating open spaces in urban environments, and

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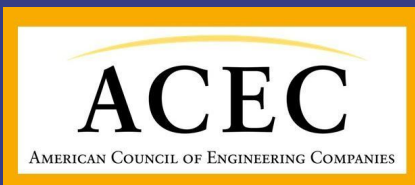
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turning the stormwater systems into an amenity. Plus it's a fun spot to gather!

Tour participation is limited to the first 20 ACEC/MA RPC members who sign up. After 20 members sign up, we'll keep a waitlist.

Waitlist attendees will receive an outlook appointment to meet at a particular location at [CX Summer Nights](#) for the informal ACEC/MA RPC social gathering that follows the tour. CX Summer Nights includes live music, food trucks, lawn games, & more.

This RPC walking tour and gathering are open to ACEC/MA members who are 35 or less as of December 1, 2025.

Sign Up for the ACEC/MA RPC Walking Tour

ACEC/MA Rising Professionals Committee Book Club Launches in July – Complete Survey by July 15, 2025

ACEC/MA Rising Professionals Committee (RPC) is starting the **ACEC/MA RPC Book Club**, a member-led initiative that brings colleagues together through shared stories and meaningful conversations! [More Info and a Short Survey](#)

MassDOT's Chapter 85 Design and Submittal Requirements for New Municipal Bridge and Bridge Replacement Projects

MGL Chapter 85 Section 35 Review Process: MassDOT has updated their Design Requirements and Submittals for New Municipal Bridge and Full Bridge Replacement Projects. [More Info](#)

MassDOT Highway seeks input on PINFO 2.0

MassDOT invites ACEC/MA members working with **ProjectInfo** to share feedback on your experience so that they can identify strengths as well as areas of improvement to better support your daily tasks and responsibilities within the platform.

 [Take the Survey](#)

The survey will only take a few minutes to complete, and your responses will directly influence future enhancements to **ProjectInfo**.

MBTA Training on New Professional Services Invoice Template Beginning on July 1, 2025, the MBTA is requiring consultants to use this new invoice template for all new contracts.

Existing contracts will be given 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 three 1-hour training sessions with Q&A on Zoom. There is no charge for these sessions, but advance registration is required through ACEC/MA.

Sign up for one of the training sessions:



July 16, 1 PM: [Information and Sign up](#)

August 13, 11 AM: [Information and Sign up](#)

November 12, 11 AM: [Information and Sign up](#)

Update on Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors regulations 250 CMR: Best Practices

July 15, 2-3 PM on Zoom

Paul Tyrell, PE, PLS, Chair, MA Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (HDR) + **Paul Campbell, PE, PLS** (MALSCE President, Chess Engineering) present an overview of [Professional Practice: A Guide to the Practice of Architecture, Engineering, and Land Surveying in MA](#), common complaints filed against engineers and surveyors, insights on current professional licensure issues, and practical guidance on best practices for 250 CMR compliance.

Registration through TECET for this free webinar

Board of Building Regulations & Standards Approves Resilience Technical Subcommittee, Seeks A/E Reps

BBRS has approved a resilience technical subcommittee to support the discussions on the 11th edition of the MSBC. The MA Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs is seeking subject matter experts to be part of this subcommittee; **they asked ACEC/MA for recommendations for the roles listed below**. This technical subcommittee will meet several times over 6 months, starting in fall 2025:

- Registered Architect with expertise in resilient design
- Civil Engineer (PE) with expertise in resilient design
- Professional Engineer with expertise in resilient design / Mechanical Systems

Candidates should be MA residents and licensed in MA.

If you are interested, send your credentials, including full home and work contact info. to [Abbie Goodman](#) by July 18.

Board of Building Regulations & Standards Seeks Mechanical Engineer

MA PE license & MA residency.

More Info

Government Affairs

FEDERAL NEWS

[Spending Slides Across Key Sectors, Echoing Pre-2020 Economic Patterns](#)

[ACEC Statement on Passage of “One Big Beautiful Bill”](#)

Federal Tax Bill: Update from ACEC's Vice President, Tax and Workforce Policy **Katharine Mottley** on the tax bill as of July 4: On July 3, the House passed the Senate budget reconciliation and tax bill by a vote of 218 to 214. The President signed it on July 4. [We put together the attached summary of key provisions for your use.](#)

[ACEC Commentary on Climate Change and the Engineer's Standard of Care](#)

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

New DCR Commissioner: The mayor of Easthampton will be the new head of the Department of Conservation and Recreation, effective July 21. DCR announced on July 9 that **Nicole LaChapelle**, who has been mayor of Easthampton since 2018, will replace outgoing Commissioner **Brian Arrigo**, who is starting as vice chancellor of finance and operations at UMass Lowell this summer.

[\\$46.8 million in Grants for 23 Municipal Water Projects @ MCWT Special June Meeting](#)

[Healey-Driscoll Administration Invests in Public Housing Improvements Across Massachusetts](#)

Governor Healey Signs \$60.9B Fiscal Year 2026 Budget: On July 4, Governor Healey signed the FY2026 budget; sending back \$130.2M in spending vetoes. Inclusive of the Governor's budget actions, line-item spending in the FY2026 budget would total \$60.9B, a \$3.1B (5.4%) increase over the FY 2025 General Appropriations Act (GAA). Governor Healey also returned 4 outside policy sections with amendments. No outside sections were vetoed in full from the FY2026 Conference budget. More in this [Mass Taxpayers Foundation Bulletin](#).

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ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Comm (GAC) acts on bills impacting our Eng/PLS/A/E Community. GAC meets next on July 15, 10 AM on Zoom. [Request Zoom Info for July 15](#)

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

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ACEC/MA STEM Task Force

Opportunities & Resources to promote **STEM careers**, particularly in Engineering & Land Surveying. **New: Geek is GLAM on October 11 in Worcester.**

[**STEM Task Force Info**](#)

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