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Registration Opening Next Week: ACEC/MA Education Corporation Golf Tournament – September 28

Mark your calendars for the **ACEC/MA Education Corporation Golf Tournament** on **Monday, September 28, 2026**, at **Ferncroft Country Club** in Middleton.

Registration will open next week.

This annual event brings together engineering professionals from across the Commonwealth for a day of networking, friendly competition, and philanthropy, with proceeds supporting the ACEC/MA Education Corporation's scholarship and workforce development initiatives.

Registration and sponsorship information will be available soon. We hope you'll plan to join us for one of ACEC/MA's premier networking events of the year.

If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities or donating raffle prizes, please email acecma@engineers.org.

MBTA Hosting DBIA Certification Workshop – Registration Open

The MBTA is hosting a **DBIA Certification Workshop** on **August 17–19, 2026**, at **10 Park Plaza in Boston**. The workshop is open to both MBTA and non-MassDOT employees and is intended to build a common understanding of Design-Build principles and best practices among agency staff and industry partners.

Registration is currently limited to **three attendees per firm**, and attendance is expected to be capped at approximately **30 participants** (subject to change). The MBTA has already registered several attendees and plans to register additional staff, so interested participants are encouraged to register early.

[Additional information and registration are available here.](#)

MBTA RFQ Opportunities: South Salem Station and Quincy TPSS

The MBTA has recently released two Request for Qualifications (RFQ) solicitations that may be of interest to your firms.

[South Salem Station \(Contract No. J63PS01\)](#)

The MBTA is soliciting engineering services for design and construction phase services for the new South Salem Station in Salem. The project is anticipated to be delivered using the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) method. The contract duration is six (6) years with two (2) optional one-year extensions and is expected to utilize federal funding.

[Quincy Traction Power Sub Station \(TPSS\)](#)

The MBTA is also soliciting engineering services for the Quincy Traction

- Fitzmeyer & Tocci Associates, Inc.
- French & Parrello Associates
- GPI
- GZA GeoEnvironmental
- Howard Stein Hudson
- Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.
- Kleinfelder
- LEC Environmental Consultants
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Power Sub Station (TPSS). The contract duration is five (5) years with the option of two (2) individual one-year extensions and is expected to utilize state funding.

Please see the embedded solicitations for additional information.

If you have any questions regarding either solicitation, please contact the MBTA representative identified in the applicable RFQ.

ACEC National Transportation Updates

ACEC National recently shared several transportation policy and funding updates of interest to member firms:

Federal Grant Rules: ACEC submitted comments on the Office of Management and Budget's proposed revisions to federal grant regulations (2 C.F.R. Part 200), which could significantly affect how federal grants and financial assistance are administered. [Read ACEC's comments.](#)

U.S. DOT BUILD Grants: The U.S. Department of Transportation announced **\$1.7 billion** in BUILD grants for **127 projects** nationwide, including major investments in roads, bridges, ports, transit, and rail.

The press release is [here](#).

The list of projects is [here](#).

Digital Delivery Survey: ACEC is seeking member feedback on digital project delivery practices. Firms are encouraged to complete the survey or share it with the appropriate staff member. **Take the [survey](#).**

2026 ACEC Fall Conference Registration Open

Join engineering leaders from across the country at the **2026 ACEC Fall Conference**, October 25–28, at the JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa in Phoenix, Arizona.

The conference brings together more than 1,100 engineering industry leaders for four days of education, networking, and discussions on the issues shaping the future of the profession. Attendees will gain insights on emerging technologies, business strategy, leadership, market trends, and the opportunities and challenges facing engineering firms.

Registration is now open. Hotel information for the ACEC room block will be provided with your registration confirmation.

[Click here to register.](#)

FY2027 ACEC/MA Membership Dues Invoices Sent

FY2027 ACEC/MA membership dues invoices have now been sent to member firms.

If you have questions about your invoice or would like to confirm whether your firm has completed its recertification, please contact acecma@engineers.org.

In-Person Registration Open for July TALC Meeting

[Registration](#) is open for the **July Transportation Agencies Liaison Committee (TALC)** meeting on **Wednesday, July 29, from 12:00-**



1:30PM.

The meeting will be held **in person at Jacobs**, 120 St. James Avenue, 5th Floor, Boston, and on Zoom. The Zoom link will be sent to all ACEC/MA TALC members closer to the meeting. Thank you to **Jacobs** for hosting the meeting and providing lunch for in-person attendees.

Sam Zhou from the MBTA is no longer able to attend due to unexpected travel. **Joshua Klingenstein**, Director, Capital Program Planning, and **Elena Franks**, Deputy Chief, Contract Services, will be presenting in his place.

Please note: In-person attendance is limited to **two representatives per ACEC/MA member firm**. Firms are asked to coordinate attendees internally before registering. In-person attendance is limited to **50 attendees** and registration will close on **Friday, July 24**, or when capacity is reached, whichever comes first. There will be a waitlist. **There are currently fewer than 7 seats remaining.**

Jacobs employees interested in attending should coordinate directly through Dieckmann Cogill rather than registering.

Reserve your spot [today](#).

Registration Open: Odyssey, Emerging Leaders & Genesis Alumni Reception - August 20

Thursday, August 20 | 4:00 – 6:30 PM | Stantec, Burlington, MA

Graduates of ACEC/MA's **Odyssey, Emerging Leaders, and Genesis** programs are invited to reconnect with fellow alumni at this exclusive networking reception.

The program will feature a panel discussion on **"Workforce of the Future: Bridging the Gap Between Today's Firms and Tomorrow's Talent,"** led by **Bob Belitz (Tighe & Bond)**, **Maureen Wiklund (VHB)**, and **Steve Ventresca (Nitsch Engineering)**, three local authors of the ACEC Research Institute's *Workforce of the Future* article. Enjoy food, drinks, and conversation while exploring strategies for developing future leaders and retaining top talent. Thank you to **Stantec** for hosting the reception.

[Register today.](#)

This reception is only for graduates of ACEC/MA Emerging Leaders, Genesis, or Odyssey. Please do not register for this reception if you have not graduated from any of these courses.

ACEC National: Three August Programs on AI Risk, Public Engagement, and Data Centers

Artificial intelligence is transforming the engineering industry, but with new opportunities come new challenges. This August, ACEC National and the ACEC Research Institute are offering three programs to help firms navigate both the internal risks of AI adoption and the external challenges that accompany high-profile infrastructure projects.

On **August 19 at 12:30 PM ET**, the ACEC Research Institute will present findings from its latest study, **Managing AI When You Don't Understand Its Risks: Best Practices for Engineering Firms**. Drawing on interviews with engineering executives, technology providers, clients, legal and insurance professionals, and AI experts, the session will examine practical

approaches for managing AI risk while enabling innovation. [Register here.](#)

On **August 20 at 12:00 PM ET**, communications leaders from GHD, DLR Group, and HDR will discuss **How A/E Firms Support Public Engagement on High Visibility Projects**, sharing strategies for helping clients navigate community concerns, public meetings, and media scrutiny on controversial infrastructure projects. [Register here.](#)

On **August 21 at 12:00 PM ET**, a 90-minute training session, **How to Navigate Media & Community Response to Data Centers**, will provide practical tools for assessing political and community risk, developing engagement strategies, and managing communications throughout the lifecycle of these increasingly high-profile projects. [Register here.](#)

These timely programs offer valuable insights for firms looking to responsibly adopt AI and effectively support clients on today's most visible and complex projects.

ACEC National Urges Member Firms to Support Surface Transportation Reauthorization

ACEC National is calling on member firms to contact their members of Congress in support of **H.R. 8870, the BUILD America 250 Act**, bipartisan legislation to reauthorize federal surface transportation programs before current authorizations expire at the end of September.

The five-year bill would authorize **\$580 billion through Fiscal Year 2031**, including **\$375 billion for roads and bridges** and **\$87 billion for transit programs** through the Highway Trust Fund. Every state would receive a 3.4% increase in formula funding compared to current law.

The legislation also includes several ACEC priorities, including support for state DOT use of lump-sum contracts for engineering services, project delivery reforms, and grant funding to advance new technologies.

[Members can contact their U.S. Representative through ACEC National's grassroots action center here.](#)

ACEC/MA HR Forum: Pay Equity and Salary Transparency Webinar Recording Available

If you missed the ACEC/MA Human Resources Forum webinar on **Pay Equity and Salary Transparency** featuring compensation expert **David Weaver**, the recording is now available. Learn about pay equity, salary transparency requirements, compensation strategy, and practical approaches for navigating employee pay conversations.

[Watch the recording.](#)

MassDOT Bridge Section SharePoint Training Materials Available

If you were unable to attend the recent **MassDOT Bridge Section SharePoint Training**, the recording and presentation materials are now available. Thank you to **Alyson Bedard** and **Alexander Bardow** for leading this informative session.

[Training Recording](#)

Presentation

If you are experiencing issues accessing the MassDOT Bridge Section SharePoint site, please contact [Alyson Bedard](#) directly. Members who registered for the training in the past few days will receive SharePoint access within the next week.

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 immediately, 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

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The August GAC meeting will be held on August 20 at 10:00AM.

[Request Zoom for 08/20/26.](#)

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

Join ACEC/MA GAC

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ACEC and Federal Updates

[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

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

September 28: ACEC/MA Education Corporation Golf Tournament - [Save the Date](#).

Program Registration

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