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16th Annual
ACEC/MA Education Corporation Golf Tournament
Proceeds Benefit the ACEC/MA Education Corporation Presidents' Scholarship Fund

ACEC Massachusetts
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Monday, September 29, 2025

Ferncroft Country Club, 10 Village Rd, Middleton MA

9:30 AM Registration | 11:00 AM Shotgun Start | 5:00 PM Reception

ACEC/MA Education Corporation Golf Tournament Registration

September 29, 9:30 AM, Ferncroft Country Club

Tournament Sponsor: Collins Engineers Inc.

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Join us for this fun annual event supporting engineering & land surveying scholarships. Only 27 golfer slots left!

[ACEC/MA Education Corp Golf Tournament Registration](#)

From ACEC National

QBS Under Review in FAR - Feedback Needed by August 19

The Trump Administration has initiated a review of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) that seeks to streamline procurement rules, including [FAR Part 36](#) which governs the use of Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS). While QBS is based on federal law—known as the Brooks Act—and cannot be removed without an act of Congress, ACEC is reviewing the proposed regulatory changes to be sure the FAR remains true to the law's intent. We are asking companies to provide feedback to [Bradley Saull at ACEC National](#) until August 19 to allow time for consolidated feedback by the September 8 deadline.

Firm of the Future Workforce Survey - input requested by August 29

This is an **ACEC Research Institute** study focused on the needs and expectations of our future workforce as part of its Firm of the Future initiative. The survey is intended for all firm employees, from young professionals through senior executives, including engineers and designers, as well as HR, IT, sales, and finance professionals in your firm. Please share this link broadly within your firm: [Firm of the Future Workforce Survey](#).

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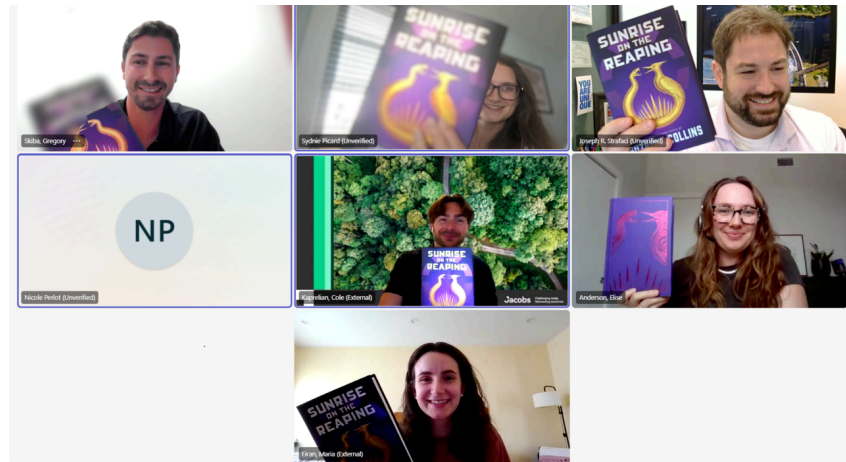
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ACEC/MA Rising Professionals Host First Book Club



ACEC/MA's Rising Professionals Committee (RPC) held its first Book Club meeting earlier in August. They had a very successful first event discussing the first half of “**Sunrise on the Reaping**” by Suzanne Collins! [More...](#)

ACEC/MA Health & Safety Forum on MassDOT Highway Construction Safety Legislation

August 26, 2 - 3:30 PM @ Aldrich Center @ The Engineering Center + Zoom

In-Person Guest: **Neil E. Boudreau**, Assistant Administrator for Traffic and Safety, MassDOT - Highway Division

We'll focus on MassDOT's safety legislation bills.

Register online by August 22 to let us know whether you will attend in person or by Zoom. All ACEC/MA Members who sign up will receive Zoom information as a courtesy.

This meeting is open to employees of ACEC/MA Member Firms. If your firm is an ACEC/MA member, YOU are an ACEC/MA member.

ACEC/MA Health & Safety Forum Registration

ACEC/MA TALC August Meeting Features MBTA Updates

August 27, 12 Noon at Jacobs + Zoom, Meeting of ACEC/MA Transportation Agencies Liaison Committee (TALC).

Guests: **Chris Brennan**, Chief of Capital Delivery, MBTA, **Shaunna Jammal**, Deputy Chief Contract Services, MBTA, **Ryan Coholan**, Chief Operating Officer, MBTA, on Right of Way access for engineering firms, **Greg Skiba** on ACEC/MA's Rising Professionals Committee. **ACEC/MA is grateful to Jacobs for hosting this meeting and providing lunch to in person attendees.**

In Person Attendance is limited to 40 people total. Each ACEC/MA Member Firm may send 1 person plus any ACEC/MA Board members or Partnering Committee members. All other participants will be able to attend on Zoom. ACEC/MA will send zoom information and meeting materials to ACEC/MA TALC separately.



[Register to attend this TALC meeting in person at Jacobs by August 15.](#)

This meeting is open to employees of ACEC/MA Member Firms. If your firm is an ACEC/MA member, YOU are an ACEC/MA member.

Boston University v. Clough Harbour: Implications and Strategies for Design Professionals

September 2, 8–9 AM, Zoom Webinar

ACEC/MA's Legal Counsel, MG+M The Law Firm is presenting this installment of their Design Professionals Roundtable series: "*Boston University v. Clough Harbour: Implications and Strategies for Design Professionals.*" This session will explore the far-reaching impact of the recent Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court decision on liability exposure, insurance coverage and risk management for design professionals.

There is no charge to attend but you must register in advance.

[More Info](#)

[MG+M The Law Firm - Registration for September 2](#)

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 **one more 1-hour training sessions with Q&A on Zoom**. There is no charge for these sessions and they are open to any design professional firm working for the MBTA, but advance registration is required through ACEC/MA.

Sign up for the last scheduled training session:

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

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 several roles**. This technical subcommittee will meet several times over 6 months, starting in fall 2025. We are still seeking candidates who are:

- Registered Architect 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 August 29.

Board of Building Regulations & Standards Seeks Mechanical Engineer

MA PE license & MA residency.

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Government Affairs

FEDERAL NEWS

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 Signs Chapter 90 Bill, Unlocking Over \\$1B in Infrastructure Funding for Communities Across Massachusetts](#)

[Fiscal Year 2025 Revenue Collections Totaled \\$43.708 Billion](#)

[Senator Markey Slams Trump Admin, EPA Administrator Zeldin for Unlawful and Outrageous Seizure of Solar for All Funding](#)

[Massachusetts delays next offshore wind procurement until 2026 - \(Boston Globe-paywall + 8/7/25 DOER Letter to DPU on Long-Term Contracts for Offshore Wind](#)

[Healey-Driscoll Administration Announces \\$46M and Next Steps for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure](#)

Tracker on Funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) in Massachusetts compiled by Transportation for America [is here.](#)

ACEC/MA's Government Affairs Comm (GAC) acts on bills impacting our Eng/PLS/A/E Community. GAC meets next on August 14, 10 AM on Zoom. [Request Zoom Info for August 14](#)

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

[Join ACEC/MA GAC](#)

ACEC/MA STEM Task Force

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

STEM Task Force Info**ACEC Last Word Blog: News & insights on the Council & the industry****ACEC Last Word****Engineering Influence Podcasts**

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