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Immediate Adjunct Opp: Surveying/Civil Engineering Adjunct Instructor @ Springfield Technical Community College (STCC)

STCC has an immediate opening for their Theory and Practice of Construction Surveying course that starts 9/2 on campus.

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From ACEC National

Firm of the Future Workforce Survey - input requested by Aug. 29

This **ACEC Research Institute** study focuses on the needs and expectations of our future workforce as part of its [Firm of the Future initiative](#). The survey is 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](#).

MBTA E Branch Accessibility and Capacity Improvements 15-100% Design RFQ

The MBTA is soliciting 15-100% design services for the E Branch Accessibility and Capacity upgrades project, creating accessible stations and a dedicated transitway on the E branch from Brigham Circle to Heath Street stations. [More Info](#)

VTRANS Issues Burlington-Winooski Bridge Design-Build Project Information

The Vermont Agency of Transportation (VTRANS) asked us to share this opportunity with ACEC members who may be interested in being part of a Design-Build team for this project.

[More Info](#)

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

September 29, 9:30 AM, Ferncroft Country Club

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Join us for this fun annual event supporting engineering & land surveying scholarships. **Only 10 golfer slots left as of 8/20!**

ACEC/MA Education Corp Golf Tournament Registration

ACEC/MA Health & Safety Forum: MassDOT Highway Construction Safety Bills

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

Register online by 8/22 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.

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ACEC/MA Health & Safety Forum Registration

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.

No charge to attend but you must register in advance.

More Info

MG+M The Law Firm - Registration for September 2

ACEC/MA HR Forum: Massachusetts Wage Transparency

September 24, 3 PM Zoom

A timely and informative session on the upcoming MA wage transparency law. This session is designed for HR professionals and firm leaders seeking



to stay ahead of regulatory changes and foster equitable compensation practices across the A/E/C industry.

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MBTA Training on New Professional Services Invoice Template

The MBTA is requiring 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 sessions with Q&A on Zoom.** There is no charge for these sessions; 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 & Sign Up](#)

Board of Building Regulations & Standards Seeks Mechanical Engineer

MA PE license & MA residency.

More Info

Government Affairs

FEDERAL NEWS

New Datums – New Coordinates – New Heights: Sometime in 2025, the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and CO-OPS are expected to release new, improved horizontal and vertical datums—the most significant update in decades to the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS). These changes will fundamentally redefine positional and elevation data across the United States. [ACEC National Online Program on 9/10.](#)

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 Campbell Testifies Before EPA to Oppose Proposed Rescission of Landmark Finding that Greenhouse Gas Emissions Endanger Public Health and Welfare](#)

[City of Boston announces Zoning Commission approves first substantial changes to Boston's development review process](#)

[Governor Healey Files \\$2.45B Supplemental Budget to Close Fiscal Year 2025](#)

[MassDOT to Invest \\$8.4M in Runway Infrastructure at Public Airports](#)[Healey-Driscoll Administration Announces Opening of FY2026 Seaport Economic Council Grant Program](#)

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 September 25, 10 AM in person @ Aldrich Center @ The Engineering Center + Zoom. [Request Zoom Info for September 25](#)

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. **MA STEM Week is October 20-24; Geek is GLAM is October 11 in Worcester.**

STEM Task Force Info

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