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Registration Now Open: Fall Energy, Environment & Utilities Markets Conference

Registration is now open for ACEC/MA's [Fall Energy, Environment & Utilities Markets Conference](#), taking place **October 20 from 11:00 AM–3:30 PM at CDM Smith in Boston.**

Michael Judge, Massachusetts Undersecretary of Energy, will open the conference with a **State of Energy in Massachusetts** keynote, providing an overview of the Commonwealth's energy landscape, key priorities and initiatives, and the issues shaping the future of energy infrastructure in Massachusetts.

Following the keynote, hear from leaders across Massachusetts' **energy, environmental, water, and utility sectors** about infrastructure priorities, upcoming projects and investment plans, procurement processes, and opportunities for engineering and design firms.

ACEC/MA has invited senior leaders from organizations including **MassDEP, DCR's Division of Water Supply Protection, the Office of Coastal Zone Management, MWRA, Boston Water and Sewer Commission, National Grid, Eversource, and Enbridge**. Additional speakers will be announced as they are confirmed.

[Register here.](#)

This program is worth 3.5 PDHs (not in NY or FL). Virtual attendance will also be available.

[Register today for the Fall Energy, Environment & Utilities Markets Conference.](#)

2027 ACEC/MA Engineering Excellence Awards: Entry Forms Now Available

Entry forms are now available for the [2027 ACEC/MA Engineering Excellence Awards Competition](#), recognizing engineering achievements that demonstrate the highest degree of merit and ingenuity.

Entry forms are due October 5, 2026 at 5:30 PM, with completed electronic project submissions due October 26 at noon.

Firms considering an entry should begin by identifying their project and securing permission from the client/owner to submit it. Projects involving construction must be substantially completed and ready for use between **November 1, 2024 and October 31, 2026**. Studies and Research or Surveying and Mapping projects must have been publicly disclosed by the client during that same period.

ACEC/MA will also host a [virtual EEA Submissions Assistance Session on October 9 at 10:00 AM](#) for firms interested in learning more about the electronic project submission requirements.

Key Dates:

October 5, 5:30 PM: Entry Forms Due

October 9, 10:00 AM: Virtual EEA Submissions Assistance Session

- French & Parrello Associates
- GPI
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October 26, 12:00 PM: Electronic Project Submissions Due

December 10: Presentations to Judges for Finalists

January 6, 2027: Eligible entries due to ACEC National

March 25, 2027: ACEC/MA Engineering Excellence Awards Gala at the Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel

ACEC/MA finalists and Silver Award winners are eligible to advance to the ACEC National Engineering Excellence Awards competition.

[2027 EEA Entry Forms, Key Dates & Submission Information](#)

[Register for the October 9 Virtual Information Session](#)

Three Golfer Spots Now Available – Sponsorship Opportunities Still Available

[Three golfer spots are now available](#) for the September 28 ACEC/MA Education Corporation Golf Tournament at Ferncroft Country Club! These are the only individual golfer spots currently available, so register soon if you'd like to join us on the course.

There are also several opportunities left to sponsor the tournament and support the ACEC/MA Education Corporation. Remaining sponsorship opportunities include Dinner, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Raffle, and a limited number of Hole Sponsorships. With the tournament less than two weeks away, we encourage firms interested in sponsoring to secure one of the remaining opportunities soon.

We're also looking for **raffle and live auction prizes** for the tournament, such as sports tickets, golf outings and equipment, restaurant or hotel gift certificates, bottles of wine or alcohol, and other experiences. If you or your firm have an item to donate, [please email Gerry Preble](#).

Tournament proceeds directly support the ACEC/MA Education Corporation's scholarships and its mission of investing in the next generation of engineering professionals.

[Register for one of the three remaining golfer spots or secure one of the remaining sponsorship opportunities on the ACEC/MA website.](#)

New Licensing Platform Coming for Massachusetts PEs and PLSs

The Massachusetts Division of Occupational Licensure (DOL) will launch its new **eLIPSE** licensing platform for the Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors on **September 28, 2026**, replacing the current ePLACE system.

Important: If you have a pending application or renewal in ePLACE, complete it by 4:00 PM on September 23. Access to ePLACE for PEs and PLSs will end at 5:00 PM that day, with eLIPSE launching at 8:00 AM on September 28. DOL is encouraging licensees to complete any applications, renewals or updates before the system transition to avoid delays.

Beginning September 28, applications and renewals will be completed online through eLIPSE, and licenses will be issued digitally. DOL will no longer print and mail licenses or wall certificates, and paper renewals will no longer be accepted.

When first accessing eLIPSE, licensees will need to create a MyMassGov business account and link their license. Your first and last name must



match exactly how your name is associated with your license in eLIPSE.

[Learn more about the September 28 transition to eLIPSE](#)

[View DOL's eLIPSE How-to Guides](#)

DPU Proposes New Rail Crossing Safety Regulations

The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) has opened a rulemaking to establish new safety requirements for railroad grade crossings across the Commonwealth.

The proposed regulations, **220 CMR 157.00**, would establish new standards for grade crossing safety, including procedures for evaluating crossings and identifying potential safety improvements. The regulations also address the creation, modification and closure of grade crossings, overpass and underpass height waivers, transparency and compliance.

Initial written comments are due September 21, 2026, with reply comments due by 5:00PM on September 30.

DPU will hold two public hearings:

September 22 at 2:00 PM – Boston & Virtual: Department of Public Utilities, 1 South Station, Third Floor, Boston. [Join the hearing via Zoom](#)

September 23 at 10:00 AM – Springfield: Springfield State Office Building, 436 Dwight Street, Third Floor Courtroom, Springfield.

[Learn more about the proposed regulations and how to submit comments](#)

[Read the DPU announcement](#)

Odyssey, Emerging Leaders & Genesis Alumni Reception - October 1

Thursday, October 1 | 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 **Margo Armstrong (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.

TODAY: Accounting & Finance Forum Banking Trends and Fraud Prevention Webinar on September 17

TODAY - Thursday, September 17 | 1:00PM | Virtual

Please join the ACEC/MA Accounting & Finance Forum presentation on banking trends and fraud prevention. Eastern Bank will share its perspective on business confidence, interest rates, and the increasing

prevalence of fraud. PKF O'Connor Davies' Forensic and Fraud Investigation team will then continue the discussion with additional insights on fraud-related risks and prevention strategies.

Speakers:

- James L. Murphy, Jr., Senior Vice President, Commercial Banking, Eastern Bank
- Elisabeth O. da Silva, Partner, PKF O'Connor Davies
- Darryl Wegner, Managing Director, PKF O'Connor Davies (Former FBI Special Agent)
- Brittani LeBlanc, Supervisor, PKF O'Connor Davies

Register [here](#).

Massport Designer Selection Panel Seeking Candidates

The **Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport)** is seeking candidates to fill **two openings on its Designer Selection Panel (DSP)**. The volunteer opportunity is open to **Professional Engineers, Registered Architects, and individuals from academia who are licensed in and reside in Massachusetts**. Diverse candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

Candidates must be free of conflicts of interest. In particular, individuals employed by firms that may submit proposals to the DSP should review the eligibility requirements before applying.

Interested candidates should submit a resume by **September 30, 2026**, to [Luciana Burdi](#) and [Alexandra Scarfo](#).

[For more information on the role, qualifications, time commitment, and conflict-of-interest requirements, please see the job description.](#)

MassDOT Innovation Webinar Series: Advancing Low-Carbon Concrete for MassDOT Infrastructure - September 23

Wednesday, September 23 | 1:00PM | Virtual

MassDOT will present findings from recent research evaluating recycled ground-glass pozzolan and other low-carbon alternatives for use in concrete infrastructure. The webinar will explore how these materials could reduce reliance on traditional hydraulic cement and lower the carbon footprint of concrete while maintaining the performance, quality and long-term durability required for MassDOT projects.

Presenters Richard Mulcahy of MassDOT, Jianqiang Wei of the University of Maryland and Sergio Brena of UMass Amherst will discuss the research findings and the potential application of these emerging materials in transportation infrastructure.

This webinar is free to attend. [Register today.](#)

Support ACEC/PAC and Enter the 2026 Fall Sweepstakes

ACEC/PAC is the engineering industry's primary tool for political engagement at the national level. Strong participation from ACEC members helps ensure the engineering industry has a voice in Washington and supports ACEC's efforts to advance policies that strengthen the business environment for engineering firms and promote investment in the nation's infrastructure.

ACEC's advocacy has helped deliver historic federal infrastructure investment, protect QBS, promote contracting out, strengthen federal procurement rules, and advance important tax policies for engineering firms. [Learn more about ACEC/PAC's accomplishments and current policy priorities.](#)

The [2026 ACEC/PAC Fall Sweepstakes](#) is underway, with **18 prizes totaling \$50,000**, including a \$10,000 grand prize. Members can participate with a **\$200 contribution to ACEC/PAC**, with the drawing taking place October 27 during the ACEC National Conference in Phoenix.

Special for ACEC/MA members: Make a **\$200 contribution by October 7** and you'll also receive an invitation to the **ACEC/MA PAC Champions Event at Jacobs on October 7.**

Please note that ACEC/PAC participation is subject to federal election law. Employees of corporate ACEC member firms may be solicited only if their firm has provided ACEC with prior approval to solicit eligible employees.

Contributions must be made with personal funds; corporate checks and corporate credit cards are prohibited. Contributions are voluntary and are not tax deductible.

[Enter the ACEC/PAC Fall Sweepstakes here.](#)

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.](#)

Government Affairs

[Government Affairs Committee](#)

The September GAC meeting will be held on September 24 at 10:00AM.

[Request Zoom for 09/24/26.](#)

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

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[**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 - [Golf Registration & Sponsorship Information.](#)

October 20: Fall Energy, Environment & Utilities Markets Conference - [Register here.](#)

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