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ACEC/MA Effective Writing Course

December 9 & 10, 3:30 - 5:30 PM each day on Zoom

A Virtual ACEC/MA Leadership Education Development Course

With Instructor: Carol A. Lurie, AICP, LEED AP, ENV SP

Register as soon as possible; this popular course sells out quickly.

Enrollment limited to 25 participants for a high-quality learning experience. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis but limited to no more than 4 per firm. Less than 16 seats open.

[More Info + Registration](#)

ACEC/MA 9/24 TALC Meeting Features City of Boston's Julia Campbell

September 24, 12 noon at AECOM Boston + Zoom

Julia Campbell, PE, LEED AP, Deputy Chief of Streets/ City Engineer, City of Boston, is our guest at ACEC/MA TALC.

Attendance @ AECOM is limited to 40 people; [register to attend in person by close of business on 9/18](#). Thank you to Bowman for hosting lunch.

Zoom attendance is open to all ACEC/MA Members with no limitation. If your firm is an ACEC/MA Member, You are an ACEC/MA Member.

[Learn More](#)

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC MA) Seeks Two PE Judges for Construction Awards

ABC Massachusetts is seeking **two Professional Engineers to serve on the judging panel for ABC MA's Excellence in Construction Awards.**

Their judging portal opens for judging during the week of 9/22/2025. Their Awards Event is on November 6, 2025. Our engineering judges would be their guests. [Details are here.](#)

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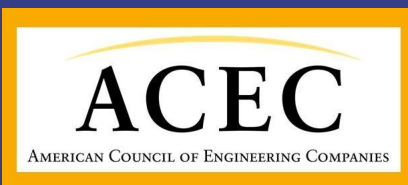
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ACEC/MA 2026 Engineering Excellence Entry Forms Due October 6

The ACEC/MA Engineering Excellence Awards Competition Recognizes Engineering Achievements that Demonstrate the Highest Degree of Merit and Ingenuity

[Key Dates](#), Entry Forms, & more for ACEC/MA's 2026 Engineering Excellence Awards Competition.

Save the Date: April 14, 2026: ACEC/MA Awards Gala @ Renaissance Boston Waterfront Hotel

ACEC/MA Entry Form

ACEC National Technology Committee's 3 Part "Data + AI" Lunch & Learn Series Starts 9/22

ACEC's Technology Committee's *Data + AI* subcommittee presents a 3 part *Lunch & Learn* series to share and discuss the products being created by the three working groups. Each virtual session will cover a different set of topics, an overview of work done to date, and provide a forum for discussion.

First session: ***Standards for Use: Data Readiness on 9/22, 12:30 pm***

No charge for ACEC/MA Full Member Firms employees to participate. Online registration is through ACEC National; set up a login and password with ACEC.

ACEC National's Technology 3 Part Data + AI Series Registration

ACEC/MA HR Forum: Massachusetts Wage Transparency 9/24, 3 PM Zoom

A timely & informative session on the upcoming MA wage transparency law designed for HR professionals & firm leaders seeking to stay ahead of regulatory changes and foster equitable compensation practices across the A/E/C industry.

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

ACEC/MA HR Forum Registration for Zoom Info.

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**. These sessions 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](#)

Government Affairs

FEDERAL NEWS

[New Quarterly Services Survey Released:](#) The Census Bureau released its Quarterly Services Survey (QSS) for the 2nd quarter of 2025. This data includes revenue for the design and engineering services performed by architecture and engineering companies.

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

[Healey-Driscoll Administration Awards Nearly \\$30M to Help Communities Prepare for Flooding, Heat Waves and Wildfires](#)

[Healey-Driscoll Administration Launches \\$14.5M Program to Upgrade Lab Facilities on Public Higher Education Campuses](#)

[Cape Cod Bridges Projects Hits Major Milestone as MassDOT Files State Environmental Report](#)

[Healey-Driscoll Administration Awards \\$46M to Modernize Affordable Housing for Long-Term Energy Cost Savings](#)

The **Dam and Seawall Program** is now part of the **Environment and Climate One Stop (ECO One Stop)**. The ECO One Stop consolidates multiple climate and environmental resilience grant applications into one streamlined process, allowing applicants to apply to multiple grants through a single application. The first grant round is anticipated to open in January 2026. **[Learn more about the ECO One Stop here.](#)** Expressions of Interest (EOI) due October 28, 2025.

- **Dam removal preliminary design services RFR now open. [Learn More and Apply Here by 10/1.](#)**

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.

[Join ACEC/MA GAC](#)

ACEC/MA STEM Task Force - Autumn Opps Now Posted

Opportunities & Resources to promote **STEM careers**, particularly in Engineering & Land Surveying. **MA STEM Week is October 20-24.**

See our STEM Task Force page for opportunities to get involved with STEM Week and other K-12 activities to increase awareness about engineering and land surveying careers. Is your firm able to get involved?

STEM Task Force Info Leads for Firms

ACEC Last Word Blog: News & insights on the Council & the industry

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