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ACEC/MA Engineering and Public Works Roadshow: William Felton "Bill" Russell Bridge

October 23, 9:30 AM @ RSM, Charlestown + on the bridge

An ACEC/MA Morning & Lunch Program

Join ACEC/MA by the William Felton "Bill" Russell Bridge that connects Boston's North End to Charlestown on October 23 to celebrate this engineering and public works project with a press briefing, technical tour, and lunch. Speakers include MassDOT Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver and more.

ACEC/MA is grateful to RSM for their hospitality.

If your firm is a Platinum or Gold Sponsor listed on the left, some seats are included with your sponsorship. Talk with your ACEC/MA Firm representative about how to register for these 1-2 seats.

[More Info + Registration](#)



Engineering Excellence Awards

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](#)

Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) Seeks 1 Professional Engineer for Designer Selection Committee

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) is looking for one engineer to fill a two-year term for the EOHLC Designer Selection Committee (DSC) beginning in October/November

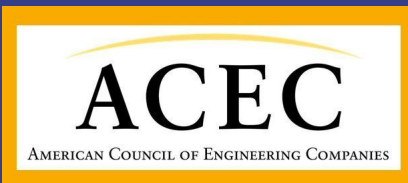
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2025, with the possibility to serve another 2-year term beyond that. All DSC members are eligible to serve two consecutive 2-year terms.

We have been asked to identify qualified candidates to serve on the DSC.

[Learn More](#)

ACEC/MA Board Adopts Hybrid and/or Virtual Meeting Recording and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Note-Taking Policy

The ACEC/MA Board of Directors voted to approve the policy at its July 15, 2025 Board meeting on Hybrid and/or Virtual Meeting Recording and Artificial Intelligence (AI)

[Hybrid and/or Virtual Meeting Recording and Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) Note-Taking Policy](#)

What does this mean for ACEC/MA Members for Committee and Forum Meetings? Bottom line: Please don't use Read AI or other tools to take notes at ACEC/MA Board, Committee or Forum Meetings.

[More information.](#)

Resources from ACEC/MA 9/24 TALC Meeting + 9/17 Building Engineering Committee (BEC) Meeting

9/24/2025: ACEC/MA TALC Meeting @ AECOM. ACEC/MA thanks AECOM for hosting and Bowman for providing lunch.

- Guest: **Julia Campbell, PE**, LEED AP, Deputy Chief of Streets/ City Engineer, City of Boston gave an overview of the City of Boston Streets Cabinet, their project delivery process and how firms can work with Boston Streets: [PDF of Presentation](#)

9/17/2025: ACEC/MA Building Engineering Committee (BEC) on Zoom:

- Guests: **Harshika Bisht, Senior Sustainable Design Reviewer**, Boston Planning & Development Agency, City of Boston & **John Dalzell, Senior Architect for Sustainable Development**, Boston Planning Department. Presentation on Article 37 - Green Building & Net Zero Carbon: [PDF of Presentation](#)

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC MA) Seeks One PE Judge for Construction Awards

ABC Massachusetts is seeking one more **Professional Engineer 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.](#)

SMART 3.0 Published Guidelines - Comments Due 10/15/25

The Department of Energy Resources (DOER) has posted a set of Guidelines on its [website](#) to accompany the **SMART 3.0 regulations**. DOER will post additional Guidelines in the coming days. DOER will



accept public comment on these Guidelines until **5:00 PM on October 15, 2025**. Submit Comments as a PDF file to DOER.SMART@mass.gov with the email subject line "SMART 3.0 [*Guideline Title*] Public Comment."

Here's the list of Guidelines available for review on DOER's website:

- Guideline Regarding the Definition of Dual-use Agricultural Solar Tariff Generation Units
 - Dual-use Agricultural Solar Tariff Generation Unit Pre-Determination Form
 - Guideline on Consumer Protection
 - Guideline on Energy Storage
 - Program Year 2025 Energy Storage Adder Calculator
 - Guideline on Base Compensation Rates, Compensation Rate Adders, and Annual Assessment
 - Guideline Regarding Land Use, Siting, and Project Segmentation
 - Statement of Qualification Reservation Period Guideline
 - Direct Ownership Customer Disclosure Form
 - Third Party Ownership Customer Disclosure Form
 - Community Shared Solar Customer Disclosure Form
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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**. 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

[**ACEC Supports Smart Energy Policies to Meet Rising Power Demands**](#)

Monitoring the Trump White House's Impact on Engineering:
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STATE and LOCAL NEWS

[**Trump has thrown a wrench in some Mass. transportation plans. Here's a list of the impacted projects.**](#) - Boston Globe (paywall)

[**New Report: MassDEP Food Waste Ban Boosts Business**](#)

[**State leaders schedule public huddle on economy, federal policy on September 30**](#)

[**Roll back regulations to lower housing costs: The sheer volume of Massachusetts' regulations can drive up the total cost of construction in significant ways. But some rules are no longer necessary.**](#) - Boston Globe (paywall)

[Twenty-first century fire is a whole new kind of natural disaster](#) - Boston Globe (paywall)

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

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**](#)

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