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Golf Registration Sold Out – Sponsorship Opportunities Still Available

Individual golfer registration for the September 28 ACEC/MA Education Corporation Golf Tournament at Ferncroft Country Club is officially sold out! A waitlist is available for those still hoping to join us on the course.

Still want to guarantee your spot? The \$5,000 Tournament Sponsorship remains available and includes registration for four golfers, along with premier visibility throughout the tournament. It's a great opportunity for firms looking to support the Education Corporation while making sure they don't miss out on the golf.

Other sponsorship opportunities remain available, including Dinner, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, Raffle, and a limited number of Hole Sponsorships.

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 and other experiences. If you or your firm have an item to donate, please contact [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.

[Join the golfer waitlist or secure one of the remaining sponsorship opportunities on the ACEC/MA website.](#)

Massachusetts Primary Sets the Stage for November

Massachusetts voters went to the polls Tuesday, September 1, to select party nominees for federal, state and local offices ahead of the November general election.

In the most closely watched statewide contest, U.S. Senator Ed Markey won the Democratic primary over Congressman Seth Moulton. Markey will face Republican John Deaton, who was unopposed for his party's nomination, in November.

The gubernatorial matchup is also set. Governor Maura Healey was unopposed in the Democratic primary, while Michael Minogue defeated Brian Shortsleeve for the Republican nomination. Healey and Minogue will face each other in November.

Several incumbent members of the Massachusetts congressional delegation also prevailed in contested Democratic primaries, including Representatives Richard Neal and Stephen Lynch. In the open 6th Congressional District, created by Moulton's decision to run for Senate, Dan Koh won the Democratic nomination in a six-candidate field.

At the State House level, voters weighed a number of contested legislative primaries, including challenges to incumbent senators and representatives and races for open seats. Many incumbents prevailed,

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while several closely watched contests remained tight as votes continued to be counted and potential recounts loom.

The results set the field for the November 3 general election. Massachusetts residents can register to vote, update their registration or check their voter registration information through the Secretary of the Commonwealth's Elections Division. The voter registration deadline is 10 days before an election.

Register or update your voter registration for November 3rd:
[Massachusetts Online Voter Registration](#)

Congress Passes Funding Extension, Including Surface Transportation Programs

Congress has approved a Continuing Resolution (CR) that will fund the federal government through December 11, averting a government shutdown when the new federal fiscal year begins October 1. The measure passed the House by a 370-48 vote after previously clearing the Senate 90-6.

Importantly for the engineering industry, the CR also extends expiring federal highway and transit programs through December 11, preventing a lapse in reimbursements to state departments of transportation and transit agencies for ongoing project expenditures. The extension gives Congress additional time to negotiate a longer-term surface transportation reauthorization bill.

The CR does **not**, however, extend approximately \$36.8 billion in annual supplemental transportation funding provided through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Those funds support programs for bridges, EV charging infrastructure, transit capital improvements, passenger and freight rail, ports and airports, with funding distributed through a combination of formula and competitive grant programs.

ACEC and its coalition partners continue to advocate for restoration of the supplemental IIJA funding. The effort has attracted bipartisan support, including from members of the House Problem Solvers Caucus.

Congressional leaders have also indicated that completing a multi-year surface transportation reauthorization remains a priority before the end of the year. ACEC will continue working with lawmakers as negotiations move forward and advocating for the long-term federal infrastructure investment and funding certainty important to member firms and their public-sector clients.

Learn more: [Read ACEC's latest advocacy and policy updates](#)

New Date: 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.

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

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](#).

Last Chance for Early Bird Pricing: ACEC/MA Odyssey Leadership Program

[Registration is open](#) for the **FY2027 ACEC/MA Odyssey Leadership Program**, an **in-person, nine-session** leadership development program beginning **September 24, 2026**, and hosted at **The Conference Center at Waltham Woods** in Waltham. Register by TODAY, September 3, to get early bird pricing.

Designed for senior managers, middle managers, and emerging leaders with high leadership potential, Odyssey equips participants with the skills to lead teams, navigate change, communicate effectively, and develop their own leadership style.

Class size is limited to **22 participants**, with a maximum of **two registrants per firm** at this time. The program also includes an individual one-on-one executive coaching session and offers **58 PDHs**.

There are only 6 spots left. Make sure to secure your spot today!

[Register for Odyssey here.](#)

New! **Workforce Training Fund Reimbursement Available:** Eligible Massachusetts firms may be able to receive reimbursement for Odyssey Leadership through the Workforce Training Fund Express Program. Firms with 50 or fewer Massachusetts employees may qualify for up to 100%

reimbursement, while firms with 51–100 employees may qualify for up to 50%. Applications must be submitted at least 21 days before the first session. When applying, select **Odyssey Leadership (Course C-0289)** and **The Engineering Center Education Trust** as the training provider.

[Learn more and apply through the Workforce Training Fund Express Program.](#)

ACEC Research Institute: Engineering Firms Remain Resilient Amid Economic Uncertainty

Engineering firms continue to report strong business conditions despite growing concerns about the broader economy, according to the latest [Engineering Business Sentiment Study](#). The Q3 survey found a median backlog of **12 months**, with 88% of firms reporting open positions and 65% expecting to increase hiring over the next year. Water/wastewater and data centers continue to rank among the strongest market sectors.

[Read more here.](#)

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.](#)

Help Grow the ACEC/MA Community

As we begin a new fiscal year at ACEC/MA, it's a great time to help grow and strengthen our membership community.

Our members work with firms across the engineering and A/E industry every day, whether as primes, subconsultants, teaming partners, or trusted business partners. Some of those firms may not yet be ACEC/MA members, and we encourage you to recommend membership to firms you think would benefit from being part of our community.

Engineering firms can join as Full Members and gain access to ACEC/MA's advocacy, education, professional development, networking, and industry resources. Affiliate Membership is also available for firms that provide products and professional services to the engineering industry.

Know a firm that should be part of ACEC/MA? Visit our Membership page to learn more about member benefits and the application process, or check our Member Directory to see which firms are already members.

[ACEC/MA Membership Information & Application can be found here.](#)

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Have a question or a firm to recommend? Reach out to us at acecma@engineers.org. We'd be happy to follow up with prospective members and tell them more about ACEC/MA.

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.](#)

ACEC National's *The Market Edge* Podcast: What's Ahead for AEC Markets?

What markets are growing, which sectors are cooling, and what does the rapid rise of data centers and energy infrastructure mean for the AEC industry?

In the latest episode of **ACEC's *The Market Edge* podcast**, Diana O'Lare talks with **Brian Strawberry, Chief Economist at FMI**, about FMI's latest Q3 Outlook and what engineering and construction leaders should be watching over the next five years. The conversation covers trends in manufacturing, data centers, power generation and grid investment, with insights into the risks and opportunities shaping future demand.

[Watch or listen to the latest episode](#)

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.](#)

FY2027 ACEC/MA Membership Dues Invoices Sent

FY2027 ACEC/MA membership dues invoices have been sent to member firms.

If you have questions about your invoice or would like to confirm whether your firm has completed its recertification, please contact acecma@engineers.org.

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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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IN THE NEWS

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[The Quabbin has long quenched Boston's thirst. Now its towns are struggling and asking anyone who drinks water to help.](#)

['Don't be dumb, stupid, crazy or dangerous:' A brief history of 'Storrowing'](#)

[EPA moves to curb public input on data centers](#)

ACEC and Federal Updates

[A/E Industry Shows Resiliency in the Face of National Economic Volatility](#)

[Monitoring U.S. DOT Changes to the Disadvantaged Business 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 - [Waitlist & Sponsorship Information](#).

Program Registration

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