

Welcome to ACEC/MO's Newsletter! With this email, you'll receive all of the top updates in our organization, as well as new features.

Items included in this ACEC/MO Newsletter are listed below.

- <u>Upcoming Events</u> (Engineer's Day at the Missouri Capitol on February 5, 2025: Why You Should Attend; Registration is Open for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet on March 6-7; ACEC/MO's 2025 Future Leaders Academy is FULL)
- Liaison Committee News (Missouri Department of Transportation (Headquarters) Liaison Committee; St. Louis Board of Public Service Liaison Committee)
- <u>Industry News</u> (New RFQs Posted on ACEC/MO Website; MoDOT Good Faith Effort Webinar on January 31; 2025 SAVE Coalition Training Schedule Announced)
- <u>Member Information & Calendar</u> (New Member Firms & Associate Member Welcomed; Obituary; Member News; Calendar of Events)

If there is something you would like us to include in the newsletter, or if you need anything else, please contact the ACEC/MO staff: <u>Morgan</u> <u>Mundell</u> or <u>Dawn (Hill) Danison</u>.

This newsletter will provide an update on our organization. Check your email often for more updates.

INDUSTRY NEWS



New RFQs Posted on ACEC/MO Website

ACEC/MO recently updated our website to include new RFQs from MoDOT. To see the new RFQs recently posted, <u>click here</u>. (Reminder: You will have to login to the Members Only Portal to get to the RFQ's.)



Missouri Department of Transportation

MoDOT Good Faith Effort Webinar on January 31

Join MoDOT on **January 31**, **2025** at **12:00 PM** for a webinar to learn what documentation will be needed when submitting Good Faith Effort (GFE) documentation at time of bid and at closeout time. If you are a new prime contractor or prime consultant, this information will be very helpful to your company. For already

UPCOMING EVENTS



Engineer's Day at the Missouri Capitol on February 5, 2025: Why You Should Attend

by Michelle Kratzer, ACEC/MO Governmental Affairs Committee Co-Chair

Making Our Profession Heard

As engineers across Missouri, we are problem solvers, innovators, and critical thinkers who shape the infrastructure and future of our state. Engineer's Day at the Capitol offers a unique opportunity to directly influence policy and funding decisions that impact our profession and our communities.

What is Engineer's Day at the Capitol?

Our Third Annual Engineer's Day at the Missouri Capitol event brings together engineering professionals from across Missouri to meet with state legislators, showcase the critical work we do, and advocate for policies that support transportation investment, technical innovation, infrastructure development, and engineering licensure and education. It's not just a networking event—it's a platform for meaningful civic engagement.

Why Your Participation Matters

1. Policy Impacts Progress

Legislation directly influences engineering practices, infrastructure funding, licensure, environmental permitting, and professional standards. By being present, you help **educate** (not lobby) those crafting laws on the nuanced perspectives of professional engineers.

2. Represent Your Discipline

Whether you're an environmental, structural, planning, traffic, design, or construction engineer, your specific insights are valuable. Each engineering discipline has unique challenges and opportunities that require targeted understanding from policymakers.

3. Inspire Future Engineers

Your participation demonstrates to young professionals and students the importance of civic involvement. You become a role model showing that technical expertise and political engagement can—and should—go hand in hand.

4. Strengthen Professional Networks

Engineer's Day provides unparalleled opportunities to connect with colleagues from across the state, share experiences, and build collaborative relationships that extend far beyond a single day.

What to Expect

- We will start the day at 8:30 a.m. at the Capitol Plaza Hotel with breakfast, and meet with a few new Senators.

- Afterward, we will head to the House of Representative to meet with House members who work in the engineering field, followed by an introduction to the entire House of Representatives.

- You will have opportunities to meet with state representatives and senators. How to Find Your Legislator

- Throughout the event, there will be networking opportunities with fellow professionals.

Preparation Tips

1. We will provide you talking points and the 2025 ACEC Policy Statement

existing MoDOT prime contractors and prime consultants, this webinar will be a nice refresher. To register for the webinar, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

Missouri SAVE Coalition

2025 SAVE Coalition Training Schedule Announced

The SAVE Coalition 2025 training schedule is now available for registration <u>HERE</u>. These free one-day classes certify, or recertify, your SAVE membership for three years. They also come with seven professional development hours. The new schedule includes eight classes at various locations for your convenience. This year they are also offering an On-site Leader training class, for volunteers who would like to assume a leadership role in SAVE deployments.

Also, a reminder that the online recertification option is available <u>HERE</u>. Passing this quiz will renew your existing membership for three years. A few disclaimers, though -- you must be current on your existing membership (check the expiration date on your card or in your Show Me Response account), you must have taken the full class last time (can't renew using this test twice in a row), and the renewal comes with no professional development hours.



Welcome

2. Prepare concise, clear talking points about your work's impact or projects in their district

3. Bring business cards and materials about your organization

4. Dress professionally (business clothes or business casual) and be ready to engage thoughtfully

A Call to Action

To my fellow Missouri engineers: Our state's progress depends on our willingness to step beyond our comfort zones. Engineer's Day at the Capitol is more than an event—it's a responsibility. By showing up, speaking up, and engaging directly with the legislative process, we can drive meaningful change.

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 5, 2025, bring a colleague, promote on social media, and commit to being present. Last year, we had roughly 120 engineers from across the state participate. Let's double our presence this year! Your expertise is not just welcome—it's essential.

There is no registration fee to participate. To sign up, please visit <u>Engineer's Day at the Capitol - 2025</u>. We hope to see you there! Together, we can engineer a better future for Missouri.

Michelle Kratzer, P.E., PTOE ACEC/MO Governmental Affairs Committee Co-Chair AVP Gannett Fleming TranSystems Midwest Planning & Environmental Leader



Registration is Open for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet on March 6-7

Make plans now to attend ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet scheduled for March 6-7, 2025, in Kansas City. Listed below is a brief outline of the agenda for the meeting. The complete agenda and registration information is posted on <u>ACEC/MO's website</u>. The early-bird deadline to register is Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

The meeting will be held at the **Kansas City Marriott Downtown**, 200 West 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64105. We have a block of rooms set up with a rate of \$219.00++. To make your sleeping room reservation and to get our room rate, you **must** reserve your room online *only*. <u>CLICK HERE</u> to reserve your room online. The deadline to reserve your sleeping room is **Wednesday**, **February 5**, 2025.

- MEETING AGENDA -

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025

10:15 AM - Environmental Committee Meeting (Speaker: <u>Kurt Schaefer,</u> <u>Director, Missouri Department of Natural Resources</u>)

New Member Firms & Associate Member Welcomed

We want to welcome the following new member firms and associate member to the Council and hope you will too.

MEMBER FIRMS:

EXP U.S. Services Inc. (EXP)

600 Washington Ave., Ste. 1700 St. Louis, MO 63101 Phone: (314) 657-4500 Contact: Brian Umbright

JEO Consulting Group, Inc.

1937 N. Chestnut Street Wahoo, NE 68066 Phone: (402) 934-2680 Contact: Jason Peek

ASSOCIATE MEMBER:

Forvis Mazars

1201 Walnut Street, Suite 1700 Kansas City, MO 64106 Phone: (816) 221-6200 Contact: Dustin Haywood



EDWARD MULCAHY

Obituary

The ACEC/MO community is saddened by the passing of Edward Mulcahy. He passed away on December 15, 2024. In 1966, Ed and two co-workers founded Johnson Brickell Mulcahy (JBM) Engineers and Planners. In 2005, the JBM name was changed to TranSystems. Ed was an active member of ACEC/MO and ACEC National before he retired. He served on the ACEC/MO Board of Directors and 10:15 AM - Transportation Committee Meeting

12:00 PM - Luncheon Program (Speaker: invited Quinton Lucas, Mayor, City of Kansas City, MO)

1:15 PM - CEO Roundtable (Small/Medium Firms & Medium/Large Firms)

6:00 PM - Awards Reception & Banquet (*Guest Speaker: <u>Ed Hassinger</u>, Director, Missouri Department of Transportation*)

Presentations: Distinguished Service Awards, Engineering Excellence Awards & Life Member Awards

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2025

8:00 AM - Breakfast / Speaker - *TBD* 9:15 AM - Staff Quality / Recruiting / Training Seminar (*Speaker: Joshua Berry, Director, Econic*) 11:00 AM - Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

SPONSORS:

Below is a list of firms that are sponsors for the meeting/banquet. If you would like information on sponsorship levels, please contact <u>DawnHill@acecmo.org</u> for more information.





ACEC/MO's 2025 Future Leaders Academy is FULL

As of last month, we filled the last spot in ACEC/MO's 2025 Future Leaders Academy (FLA). We are still taking names for a waiting list in case someone has to drop out. More details on the program are posted on our <u>website</u>, to include our <u>FLA brochure</u>. If you want us to add your firm to the waiting list, please contact the ACEC/MO office at 573-634-4080 or email <u>DawnHill@acecmo.org</u>. Below is a list of the firms that have someone registered to attend or we are holding a spot for the firm. To see the complete list of names/firms, go to <u>ACEC/MO's website</u>. Thank you for your support of ACEC/MO's FLA Program!!

FIRMS REGISTERED FOR 2025 FLA PROGRAM

- Allstate Consultants
- BFA, Inc.
- Burns & McDonnell
- CDG Engineers

was President from 1997-1998. In 2006, Ed served as President of ACEC National. Ed is survived by his wife Jeanne; two sisters; three children; three nieces; eight grandchildren; and his great granddaughter.

A funeral Mass will be held at Church of the Nativity, 3800 W 119th St, Leawood, KS at 11:00 am on Friday, February 7, 2025, with visitation preceding the service at 10:00 am.

Our thoughts, prayers, and condolences are with Ed's family and friends.

Member News

Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. has named eight new associates: Lindsey Anderson Controller, Heather Gipp, P.E., ENV SP, Project Manager, Eric Hills, PE, CM, Aviation Group Manager, Angie Koester,

Human Resources Manager, Andy Mueller, PE, DBIA, Surface Transportation Group Manager, Mike Sewell, PE, LEED AP, Project Manager, Allen Smith, PE, SE, Senior Structural Project Manager, and Marion Wells, Senior Environmental Scientist.

<u>HNTB Corporation</u> is pleased to announce that **Mark Pierson** has started a new position as Group Director - Transportation Planning & Policy.

Horner & Shifrin, Inc. is pleased to announce the following: Jon Loos, PE, was promoted to Regional Manager of the firm; and Casey Wilson, PE, started a new position as Associate Vice President.

Lochmueller Group announced their newest hire: Jeff Bryan, PE, PTOE, as Senior Traffic Engineer in the Traffic Engineering & Planning department.

- Civil Design, Inc.
- Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.
- EFK Moen, LLC
- Gannett Fleming TranSystems
- GBA, Inc.
- Geotechnology, LLC dba UES
- Great River Engineering
- HDR, Inc.
- Horner & Shifrin, Inc.
- HR Green, Inc.
- Oates Associates, Inc.
- Olsson, Inc.
- Reitz & Jens, Inc.
- Shannon & Wilson, Inc.
- Terracon Consultants, Inc.
- TSi Geotechnical, Inc.
- Wilson & Company, Inc., Engineers & Architects
- Young Engineering

LIAISON COMMITTEE NEWS



Missouri Department of Transportation (Headquarters) Liaison Committee

The Missouri Department of Transportation (Headquarters) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on November 19, 2024. Committee members in attendance were Mike Banashek, Dan DeArmond, Buddy Desai, Dave Diestelkamp, Kevin Fuller, Nicole Hood, Rob Krewson, Chris Linneman, and Anne Schroer. Items discussed during the meeting included:

- Update on Commission Search for Director
- Project Scheduling Tool Implementation
- Lump Sum Contracts Pilot
- Updates on I-70 and I-44
- Governor Parson's Recission of the State Order for M/WBE
 Contracts
- Kentucky DBE Lawsuit
- Consultant Reviews
- MoDOT Approach to Consultant Construction Inspection
- LPA Program Definition of Local/City/County Engineer vs. On-Call Consultant
- October Consultant Services 6-Month Outlook
- MoDOT's Feedback on Expanded Statewide On-Call Contract Lists
- MoDOT Bentley ORD User Group ACEC Representative Inclusion
- Other Discussion Items.

The next meeting will be scheduled for some time in February 2025. To see the complete minutes from this meeting, <u>click here</u>. You can also see minutes from the most recent meetings posted on <u>ACEC/MO's</u> <u>website</u>.

<u>SCI Engineering, Inc.</u> is thrilled to announce that **Trey Coad** is the new President of the firm.

TREKK Design Group, LLC is

proud to announce the following: **Tawn Nugent, PE, DBIA**, was recently elected as the new President of the American Public Works Association - Kansas City Metro Chapter; and **Kevin Marsh** joined the firm as their new Director of Innovation.

Upcoming EVENTS

Calendar of Events

February 5 - Engineers' Day at the Capitol, Jefferson City March 6-7 - ACEC/MO Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet, Kansas City May 5 - ACEC/MO 4th Annual ACECMO/PAC Golf Tournament, Sunrise Beach June 3-6 - ACEC Midwest States Conference - Durango, CO August 20-22 - ACEC/MO Summer Meeting & 9th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament, Osage Beach November 6-7 - ACEC/MO Fall Meeting & 4th Annual Sporting Clays Tournament, Columbia

Newly added events are italicized. To see a complete calendar of events, go to <u>ACEC/MO's website</u>.

Change of address, email, or any information? You will need to login to your profile in our member portal through our website.

City of St. Louis Board of Public Service

St. Louis Board of Public Service Liaison Committee

The St. Louis Board of Public Service / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on November 21, 2024. Committee members in attendance were Abe Adewale, Pam Hobbs, Jeremy Linley, David Maxwell, Jay Rakers, Todd Welz and Mike Wild. Items discussed during the meeting included:

- St. Louis BPS Org Chart
- BPS Information
- Consultant Services
- Updates to BPS Design or Construction Policies
- ACEC Update.

The next meeting will be scheduled for the Fall of 2025. To see the complete minutes from this meeting, <u>click here</u>. You can also see minutes from the most recent meetings posted on <u>ACEC/MO's website</u>.