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Newsletter

ACEC/MO Newsletter - December 21, 2023

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.

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



INDUSTRY NEWS



Financial Assistance
Center

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

- **Past & Upcoming Events** (*ACEC/MO Regional Coffee on December 8th in Joplin; Join Us for Engineer's Day at the Missouri Capitol on January 31; ACEC/MO's 2024 Future Leaders Academy; Registration is Open for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet on Feb. 29-Mar. 1*)
- **Liaison Committee News** (*St. Louis Corps of Engineers Liaison Committee Meeting*)
- **Industry News** (*Department of Natural Resources Offers Millions in Savings Through Wastewater & Drinking Water Project Financing; 6th Annual Earthquake Summit*)
- **Member Information & Calendar** (*Last Chance to Submit a QBS Nomination; 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: [Morgan Mundell](#) or [Dawn \(Hill\) Danison](#).

Department of Natural Resources Offers Millions in Savings Through Wastewater & Drinking Water Project Financing

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Financial Assistance Center invites communities to attend an information webinar and to apply for below-market rate financing for capital projects through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund programs. State Revolving Fund (SRF) applications submitted by March 1, 2024, will receive top priority for loan financing and grant funding during the next fiscal year.

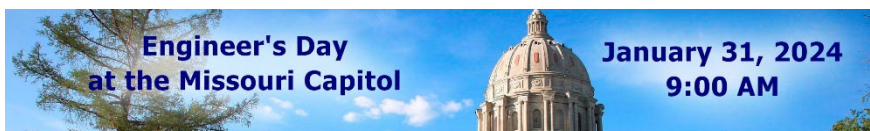
The Clean Water SRF loan program provides low-interest financing to construct projects that improve water quality. Political subdivisions of the state may apply for financing for wastewater treatment plant and collection system improvements,

PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS

ACEC/MO Regional Coffee on December 8th in Joplin

ACEC/MO recently hosted a regional coffee on December 8, 2023, at Olsson in Joplin, MO. The guest speakers were Representative Cody Smith, House Budget Chair, and Representative Dirk Deaton, House

Budget Vice-Chair. We had over 40 members, business leaders and contractors from the Southwest, Missouri, in attendance for the event. We discussed the upcoming legislative session, the state budget and what it is like to be a legislator in the Missouri Capitol. Thank you to Olsson for hosting this event!!



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Join Us for Engineer's Day at the Missouri Capitol on January 31

ACEC/MO, APWA, ASCE and MSPE are partnering to conduct an "Engineer's Day at the Missouri Capitol" scheduled for **January 31, 2024, at 9:00 AM**. The purpose of this day is to educate legislators on the important and diverse roles that engineers play in our community, and to increase our presence and voice in the public policy process. Below is the current schedule of events for the day. The below photo is from our Engineer's Day in 2023. We had an excellent turnout and hope to exceed that in 2024. The deadline to register is January 19, 2024.

Schedule

9:00 AM – Meet in 1st Floor Rotunda - We will hear comments from Representatives Don Mayhew, Bob Bromley, John Voss & Donnie Brown

sewer line extensions, combined sewer overflow corrections, system security, nonpoint source projects, and measures to manage, reduce, treat, reuse, or recapture stormwater.

The Drinking Water SRF loan program provides low-interest financing to construct drinking water projects that protect public health. Political subdivisions, not-for-profit corporations that provide a regional water supply, and investor-owned water utility corporations may apply for financing for a variety of projects. These can include drinking water treatment plant and distribution system improvements, storage facilities, system security, source intake structures, and wells.

Both SRF programs offer a subsidized interest rate of 70 percent below the market rate. The standard loan term is 20 years; however, extended terms up to 30 years may be available.

The interest savings offered to participants and their ratepayers is substantial. For example, a recent \$5 million loan saved the community more than \$1 million in interest compared to the market rate. SRF borrowers benefit from low interest rates and also receive personalized assistance from a dedicated department project management team.

To learn more about SRF financing, join us for a webinar on January 11, 2024 at 10:00 am. Webinar details can be found at [Financial Assistance Webinars and Workshops | Missouri Department of Natural Resources \(mo.gov\)](#). For more information about SRF funding, please contact the department's Financial Assistance Center at 573-751-1192, fac@dnr.mo.gov, or visit [Financial Assistance Center | Missouri Department of Natural Resources \(mo.gov\)](#).

10:00 AM – We will proceed as a group to the 4th floor Senate Gallery, where we will be introduced to the Senate

12:00 PM – ACEC/MO is hosting a separate lunch at Capitol Plaza Hotel for Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe (*you must register separately for this event*)

1:00 PM – Governor Mike Parson is joining us immediately following the lunch (at the Capitol Plaza Hotel), and will deliver remarks on the importance of infrastructure funding and his 2024 initiatives regarding workforce development and infrastructure funding

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[Click Here to Register for Engineer's Day at the Capitol](#)

[Click Here to Register for Lt. Governor Mike Kehoe Lunch or for Information on Sponsorships for this Event](#)



ACEC/MO's 2024 Future Leaders Academy

Does your firm have a candidate for ACEC/MO's 2024 Future Leaders Academy (FLA)? Registration for the FLA program is now open. The dates for the 2024 FLA program are set for May 22-23 in Kansas City; June 5-6 in St. Charles; July 16-17 in Columbia; and August 21-23 in Osage Beach.

The FLA is an extensive leadership program for young leaders in private consulting firms committed to developing their leadership abilities. The program is most beneficial to those participants with approximately 8-15 years of industry experience. These highly interactive sessions are taught by experts in the field of business administration and people management in professional service firms.

6th Annual Earthquake Summit

Please join the Missouri State Emergency Management Agency for their 6th Annual Earthquake Summit on **March 21, 2024**, in Cape Girardeau, MO. This regional professional development conference will bring together hundreds of attendees to learn the latest about earthquakes in the Midwest – the risk, preparedness strategies and recovery planning. Experts from across the country will lead sessions focused on the latest geology, best practices in earthquake planning and response, transportation technologies, hospital and health services response, communication strategies, hazardous materials challenges, and more. This event is **FREE**, and professional development hours are available.

Please [click here](#) for the latest agenda and to register.

**MEMBER
INFORMATION
& CALENDAR**

QBS NOMINATIONS WANTED

Last Chance to Submit a QBS Nomination

The ACEC/MO QBS Award was established to recognize outstanding support of the Qualifications-Based Selection procedures. The contributions can be made in many forms but must embody a commitment to and support and promotion of QBS. We give an annual award in the categories of government and non-government.

If you work with a public or private client that you want to submit a nomination form for, go

Registration information is posted on our [website](#). To register for the 2024 FLA Program, [click here](#). We only have 20 spots available and already have 18 spots filled. If you want a spot in the 2024 class, please send in your registration form or contact the ACEC/MO office at 573-634-4080 or email DawnHill@acecmo.org to hold a spot for your firm.



Registration is Open for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet on Feb. 29-Mar. 1

Make plans now to attend ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet scheduled for **February 29-March 1, 2024**, at the **Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark** in St. Louis. Listed below is the agenda for the meeting. Registration information has been sent out but is also available on [ACEC/MO's website](#). You can also click on the link below to register for the meeting and the banquet. The early-bird deadline to register is Wednesday, February 14, 2023.

HOTEL INFORMATION: The meeting will be held at the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark, 1 South Broadway, St. Louis, MO 63102. We have a block of sleeping rooms set up at a rate of \$199.00++. To make your sleeping room reservation, call (314) 421-1776 or 800-581-7151 and give them the code of "ACEC" to book your room. Our block of rooms will be held until Friday, February 1, 2024, so please reserve your room by that date.

- AGENDA -

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

10:15 AM - Environmental Committee Meeting (*Speaker: Robert S. Gramke, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District*)

10:15 AM - Transportation Committee Meeting (*Speaker: Eric Kopinski, I-70 Director, MoDOT*)

12:00 PM - Lunch Program & QBS Awards (*Speaker: Joel G. Burken, PhD, PE, BCEE, F. AEESP, Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering, Missouri University of Science & Technology*)

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

6:00 PM - Awards Reception & Banquet

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

8:00 AM - Breakfast Program on Economic Outlook - *Speaker: Charles S. Gascon, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis*

9:15 AM - The Four Project Management Realities All Consulting Firms Face Seminar (*Speakers: Kevin Corwin, PE, PLS, PMP, InScope; & Mark Meyer, PE, CFM, Intuition & Logic Engineering, Inc.*)

11:00 AM - Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

[Click Here to Register for ACECMO's 2024 Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet](#)

to [ACEC/MO's website](#). The deadline to submit a nomination form is **December 29, 2023**. The award will be given during ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting on February 29, 2024, in St. Louis.

MEMBER NEWS

Member News

[Klingner & Associates, P.C.](#) is pleased to announce that **Ryan Stonecipher, P.E.**, has earned his Professional Engineer licensure from the State of Illinois.

[Lamp Rynearson](#) is pleased to welcome new Senior Project Manager, **Melanie Jollett, PE**, to the Water Services Group in their Kansas City office.

[Lochmueller Group](#) is excited to welcome **Charles (Chip) Touzinsky, III, PE, ENV SP**, as their new Kansas City Area Manager/Transportation Division Manager.

[Oates Associates, Inc.](#) is pleased to announce that **Peter Masnica** has joined the firm. As a project manager, Peter will focus on civil/site design.

Calendar of Events

2024

January 31 - Engineers Day at the Capitol, Jefferson City

February 29-March 1 - ACEC/MO Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet, St. Louis

May 6 - 3rd Annual ACECMO/PAC Golf Tournament, Sunrise Beach

May 22-23 - Future Leaders Academy, Kansas City

June 5-6 - Future Leaders Academy, St. Charles

June 12-14 - ACEC Midwest States Conference, Kansas City

July 16-17 - Future Leaders Academy, Columbia

LIAISON COMMITTEE NEWS

St. Louis Corps of Engineers Liaison Committee Meeting

The St. Louis Corps of Engineers / ACECMO / ACECIL Liaison Committee met on September 27, 2023. Committee members in attendance were Jeff Bertel, Mark Bross, Pam Hobbs, JR Landeck, Wayne Weber, and Bob Welsch. Items discussed during the meeting included:

- WOTUS
- Presentation on the Metro East Levees
- Staffing Update
- Budgets
- Update on IDIQ Contracts Statue and Schedule for Future Solicitations
- CWIFP
- Changes to the Section 408 Program

The next meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2024. To see the complete minutes from this meeting, [click here](#). You can also see minutes from the most recent meetings posted on [ACEC/MO's website](#).

August 21-23 - Future Leaders Academy, Osage Beach
August 21-23 - ACEC/MO Summer Meeting & ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament, Osage Beach
November 7-8 - ACEC/MO Fall Mtg. & 3rd Annual Sporting Clays Tournament, Columbia

2025

February 27-28 - ACEC/MO Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet, Kansas City
June 4-6 - ACEC Midwest States Conference - Location TBD

Newly added events are italicized. To see a complete calendar of events, go to [ACEC/MO's website](#).

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