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Items included in this ACEC Missouri Weekly Update are listed below.

- **Upcoming Events** (*Register Now for ACEC/MO's 5th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament & Summer Meeting on August 26-27; Build My Future Construction Career Day on October 6*)
- **Industry News** (*Infrastructure & PPP Update; Council Submits Comments Raising Concerns over Proposed Rule; New RFPs/RFQs Posted on ACEC/MO Website; Free Training for Activated Sludge Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators; Policies, Procedures, and Benefits; Infographic: Back to the Office*)
- **Member Information & Calendar** (*Member Renewals for 2021-2022; State and National PAC Contributions Recognized; Member News; Calendar of Events*)

If there is something you would like us to include in the weekly updates, or if you need anything else, please contact the ACEC/MO staff: [Morgan Mundell](#) or [Dawn Hill](#). We would love to hear from you!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Register Now for ACEC/MO's 5th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament & Summer Meeting on August 26-27



The time is now to register for ACEC/MO's 5th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament and ACEC/MO's Summer Meeting & Working Committee Session. We've put the events together and they will be held on **August 26-27, 2021**, in **Osage Beach, MO**. Something new we are doing this year is inviting spouses to join members at the meeting and they are welcome to attend all the meetings and meals.

ACEC/MO is committed to providing you with all the networking, and industry content you have come to expect and we're glad we get to do it in-person once again. The meeting will take place over 2 days and feature our annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament, an evening full of fun and networking, great speakers, committee meetings, and our quarterly board of directors / membership meeting.

To see the complete agenda and/or to register for the golf tournament or for the summer meeting, click on the links below or go to [ACEC/MO's website](#). The early bird deadline to register for the golf tournament and the summer meeting was July 29, 2021 for members to receive a free ACEC/MO polo shirt. You can however still register for the golf tournament and the meeting, but you won't receive an ACEC/MO polo shirt. The later

deadline to register is **August 12, 2021**. More information on locations for the golf tournament and the summer meeting are on our website. A list of sponsors for the tournament and meeting are posted on our [meeting website](#). Please help us thank these sponsors!

[View Full Schedule of Events](#)

[Register for Golf Tournament](#)

[Register for Summer Meeting](#)

## Build My Future Construction Career Day on October 6



Build My Future gives students the opportunity to spend a day in the Construction Industry through an interactive showcase. This a high school outreach event scheduled for **October 6, 2021** at **Three Rivers College** in **Sikeston, MO** from **9:00 am until 3:00 pm**.

We have contacted 78 schools in 18 counties throughout southeast Missouri. We are hoping to see 400 plus students that day. This is not a typical career day or career fair. It is intent for the exhibitors to have some type of interactive activity for the students to do.

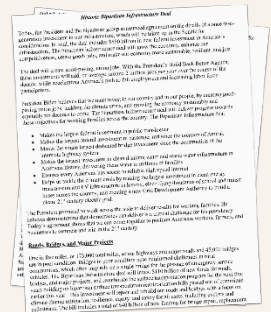
You may also learn more on the Facebook page at Build My Future Southeast MO or on the website at [www.buildmyfuture.net](http://www.buildmyfuture.net). For rules, sponsor information, and other details, click on the links below.

- [2021 SEMO BMF Contract Rules](#)
- [2021 SEMO BMF and Exhibitor Flyer](#)
- [2021 SEMO BMF Sponsorship Benefits](#)
- [2021 SEMO Sponsorship Registration Form](#)

# INDUSTRY NEWS

## Infrastructure and PPP Update

The White House and a bipartisan group of Senators have announced an agreement on a bipartisan infrastructure deal. Click [here](#) for a summary from the White House – highlights include \$550 billion in new investment overall, including \$110 billion in new funding for roads, \$39 billion in new funding for transit projects, over \$100 billion for water projects and resiliency, \$73 billion in clean energy, as well as funding for airports, rail, waterways, electric vehicles and other priorities. It's possible that the Senate could work through the weekend and/or into next week to complete the process. We'll provide you with updates and more information as this process moves forward.



On the PPP issue, we appear to be very close to have at least two Senators take the lead on an amendment to waive the FAR credits clause as it applies to PPP loans. Staff with Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) are talking to the staff with Senator Mike Braun (R-IN) and they may be close to agreeing to partner on an amendment. We've also been working with Senators Jim Inhofe (R-OK), Roger Wicker (R-MS), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), John Hickenlooper (D-CO), Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Mike Rounds (R-SD) and Alex Padilla (D-CA), and those offices may be poised to be supportive. We're still uncertain whether there will be an amendment process or whether we can secure our language into the base text of the bill, but having Senators making the ask on our behalf takes this campaign to a new level.

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## Council Submits Comments Raising Concerns over Proposed Rule

ACEC joined with the Professional Services Council in commenting on a proposed rule requiring contractors to prepare past performance evaluations for their first-tier subcontractors. Section 823 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 (Pub. L. 115–232) requires performance evaluations in accordance with specified conditions for certain subcontractors and joint venture (JV) partners for construction and architect-engineer (A&E) services contracts.

As our comments make clear, our belief is that the government is aware when a prime contractor has a poorly performing subcontractor and can use existing tools rather than create a duplicative rating system. Requiring prime contractors to conduct past performance evaluations of first-tier subcontractors may result in some contractors avoiding doing business on federal contracts. Having a subcontractor's performance documented in a government-wide, publicly accessible reporting tool may disincentivize them from seeking additional business opportunities that result in working on a federal contract in either a subcontractor or joint venture role.

The Council also wrote to the House and Senate Armed Services Committees, requesting their attention to this provision as Congress debates the National Defense Authorization Act. Click [here](#) to view our comments.

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## New RFPs/RFQs Posted on ACEC/MO Website

The ACEC/MO website has been updated to include new RFPs/RFQs we recently received from the City of Warsaw and MoDOT. To see the new RFPs/RFQs recently posted, please go to our [website](#). We try to update information posted on our website weekly, so please check it often.



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## Free Training for Activated Sludge Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators

Earn credit for attending a free training about optimizing your wastewater plant's performance! This training series, *Reducing Nutrient Discharges Through Low-Cost Operational Changes*, will teach you how to improve your activated sludge system's biological nutrient removal without capital upgrades. Each training session is **free**, and attendees can earn **Credit for Operator Certification** for each session.



The training sessions will be led by one of the nation's premier subject experts – **Grant Weaver of CleanWaterOps** – who has helped facilities across the country reduce their nitrogen and phosphorus discharges using their existing facilities and equipment. Click the link below to register today!

<https://tinyurl.com/EPAR7Training>

This training webinar series is brought to you by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. EPA Region 7, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Kansas Department of Health and the Environment, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and CleanWaterOps, as part of U.S. EPA's [National Study on Nutrient Removal and Secondary Technologies](#).

Missouri operators who attend this webinar training series are eligible to receive 1.5 contact hours per session, up to 9 contact hours for attending the full series, approved by Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MO DNR). After each webinar session, attending operators will be provided a personalized certificate of attendance. Please retain these certificates for your records and submit copies to MO DNR. Please contact Darlene Helmig, MO DNR, with any questions regarding certification: [opcet@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:opcet@dnr.mo.gov).

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## Policies, Procedures, and Benefits

Provided by Zweig Group



What's the same and what'll never be the same again for AEC firms' policies, procedures, and benefits? Zweig Group just released the [2021 Policies, Procedures & Benefits Report of AEC Firms](#). This resource was compiled from a comprehensive survey of AEC firms as well as participants in Zweig Group's annual Best Firms To Work For program. Considering extreme changes caused by COVID-19 over the past 12 months, Zweig Group compared pre-pandemic responses to those submitted post March 2020. Here are a few standout areas:

- Hiring and recruiting remains a challenge, but technology may be driving the cost of new hires down slightly.
- Computer use – policies firms need but we know aren't being followed!
- Changes to flex-time, vacation time, and PTO policies.

To read the full article, click [here](#).

## Infographic: Back to the Office

Provided by Cushman & Wakefield

### 7 Indicators of improving U.S. market conditions that will fuel commercial real estate activity.

A return to the office in the U.S. has been steadily, if slowly, increasing since the vaccine rollout accelerated in March 2021. Many companies are planning for and expect to see significant office usage increases in either summer or early fall. Keep an eye on these 7 indicators of improving market conditions that will fuel commercial real estate (CRE) activity in the U.S.:

- A return to "normal" activity
- Corporate office reopening timelines
- Office utilization
- Commuting trends
- Office tour activity
- Job growth
- Retail and restaurant optimism



Explore the seven trends in our interactive infographic below or [download it to learn more](#).

## MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR

### Member Renewals for 2021-2022

Thank you to the following member and associate member firms that have renewed since we sent our dues billing out in early July. Thank you for your recent membership renewal and your investment in ACEC/MO for the 2021-2022 year. Your support allows us to remain committed to you as the business voice of the engineering industry.



#### **MEMBER FIRMS:**

Allstate Consultants, P.C. • Alper Audi, Inc. • Apex Engineers, Inc. • Arch Rail Group, LLC • BFA, Inc. • BHMG Engineers, Inc. • CBB • CM Archer Group, P.C. dba Archer Elgin • Donohue & Associates, Inc. • EFK Moen, LLC • Engineered Corrosion Solutions • Frontenac Engineering Group, Inc. • GBA, Inc. • Hg Consult, Inc. • Horner & Shifrin, Inc. • Howe Company, LLC • Klingner & Associates, P.C. • Lamp Rynearson • Leigh & O'Kane, L.L.C. •

Lochner • Modjeski and Masters, Inc. • Oates Associates, Inc. • Pitzman's Surveying Group, Inc. • Prost Builders, Inc. • Reitz & Jens, Inc. • S.H. Smith & Company, Inc. • Snyder & Associates, Engineers & Planners, LLC • Stock & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc. • Strickland Engineering • TREKK Design Group, LLC • Walter P Moore • Waters Engineering, Inc.

### **ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:**

Missouri Asphalt Pavement Association

## **State and National PAC Contributions Recognized**

ACEC/MO and ACEC National have started receiving PAC contributions from members based on emails sent out in July on committee assignments. So far, we've received \$19,726.85 for the state PAC and \$5,850.00 for the national PAC. Below is a list of contributors to date. A huge THANK YOU goes to the following firms and individuals who have already contributed. If you are not listed below and want to contribute to the state and national PAC, please go to our [website](#) for more information as well as a current list of state and national PAC contributions.



### **STATE PAC CONTRIBUTIONS**

#### **Contributions for Committee to Protect the Road to Missouri's Future:**

Bartlett & West, Inc. • Civil Design, Inc. • Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. • EFK Moen, LLC • GBA, Inc. • Hanson Professional Services Inc. • Hg Consult, Inc. • HNTB Corporation • HR Green, Inc. • Oates Associates, Inc.

#### **Member Firms:**

Allstate Consultants, P.C. • CBB • EFK Moen, LLC • GBA, Inc. • Hg Consult, Inc. • Horner & Shifrin, Inc. • Howe Company, LLC • Klingner & Associates, P.C. • Lamp Rynearson • Modjeski and Masters, Inc. • Oates Associates, Inc. • Reitz & Jens, Inc. • S. H. Smith & Company, Inc. • Snyder & Associates • Strickland Engineering • TREKK Design Group, LLC

#### **Member Representatives:**

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### **NATIONAL PAC CONTRIBUTIONS**

#### **Member Representatives:**

Marc Alper • Mike DeBacker • Brian Eads • Vicki LaRose • Dan Meckes • Linda Moen • Tim Ross • Kevin Wallace

## **Member News**

[CBB](#) is pleased to announce that **Paige Martz, P.E., PTOE, RSP1**, has joined the firm as transportation engineer.

[Civil Design, Inc.](#) is pleased to announce that **David Silvester, P.E.**, has joined the firm as director of project management.



## Calendar of Events

**August 26, 2021** -- ACEC/MO 5th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament

**August 26-27, 2021** -- ACEC/MO Summer Meeting

**October 25, 2021** -- ACEC/MO EEA Project Entry Deadline

**October 27-30, 2021** -- ACEC Fall Conference, Marco Island, FL

**November 12, 2021** -- ACEC/MO Fall Meeting

**May 2, 2022** - ACEC/MO 1st Annual PAC Golf Tournament



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

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