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- **Member Information & Calendar** (*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](#).

ACEC/MO President's Report

First off, Happy New Year. 2022 is already off to a roaring start. The legislative session has started with a record number of bills, over 1,000 of them. Our contract lobbyist is reviewing them as they come in, and committee hearings have already started. The Missouri House of Representatives has already stated they are working on Fridays in January, which is unprecedented, to deal with the Governor's call to give all state workers a 5.5 percent pay raise, with the goal of an effective date of February 1st. The Missouri General Assembly is also tasked with redistricting, ARPA funds and other issues that are pressing. It will be an interesting session to say the least.



I would like to take a couple of moments to share several items of interest to ACEC members.

- Last week the Missouri Highway & Transportation Commission held their monthly meeting. There were two presentations that were presented by Brenda Morris, CFO of MoDOT and Eric Curtit, Transportation Planner for MoDOT, that I think you will find interesting. These presentations include information on the financial impacts of SB262 and the IIJA and outline where things are headed.
 - The first is the MoDOT [Financial Forecast Update](#).
 - The second presentation is the [High Priority Unfunded Needs](#) list. This presentation provides a breakdown by region on the various tiers identified by MoDOT.

- We are very excited to be hosting MoDOT Deputy Director & Chief Engineer, Ed Hassinger, for our Winter Meeting in Kansas City. We have heard from multiple members on their excitement to reconvene the EAA Awards Banquet this year and have a new meeting format to address both professional needs and personal time. More details are below.
- In conjunction with Missourians for Transportation Investment, ACEC/MO will be jointly hosting several lobby days throughout the legislative session this year. Join us January 19th to thank legislators for passing SB 262 and to encourage them to protect important transportation investments during this legislative session. Dates and registration details are listed below.
- ACEC/MO is in transition to a new website and membership database. Our hope is that this will streamline a number of areas where members engage with us, such as meeting registration, PAC contribution information, etc. We still have a couple of weeks before this launches, but we have already launched our new bill tracking system to keep you informed. This new approach, located [here](#), will allow you several options such as signing up for daily or weekly reports, tracking individual bills on their own and the system is designed to provide members with much more information regarding legislative action, the ability to contact legislators directly and sending information about legislation to your fellow employees. We are also working on segregating information on legislation by topic, such as environmental vs. transportation and exploring the feasibility of using this system to track federal legislation as well. More details to come.
- Finally, congratulations to all of you! For our 5th consecutive year, ACEC/MO has met and exceeded our National PAC fundraising goal. PAC fundraising, both at the state level and the national level, are incredibly important to help ACEC engage with elected officials who understand the importance and vital role of the engineering industry. Thank you for your support!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration is Now Open for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet on February 24-25

We have finalized details for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet and registration is now open. The meeting will be held on **February 24-25, 2022**, at the **Crowne Plaza Kansas City Downtown**. Hotel information and the agenda are listed below. To register for the meeting, click on the link below. To see the complete agenda, go to ACEC/MO's [website](#).

HOTEL INFORMATION: The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Kansas City Downtown, 1301 Wyandotte Street, Kansas City, MO 64105. We have a block of sleeping rooms set up at a rate of **\$119.00**. To make your sleeping room reservation, call (816) 474-6664 ext. 7500 or 1-800-2CROWNE; or you can reserve your room [online](#). Our block of rooms will be held until **January 24, 2022**, so please reserve your room by that date.



- AGENDA -

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022

10:30 AM - **Environmental Committee Meeting** - *Guest Speaker: Rebecca B. Losli, P.E., Director of Engineering, Missouri American Water Company*

10:45 AM - **Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting**

12:00 PM - **Luncheon & QBS Awards** - *Speaker: Ed Hassinger, P.E., Deputy Director/Chief Engineer, Missouri Department of Transportation (invited)*

1:45 PM - **CEO Roundtable (Small/Medium Firms & Medium/Large Firms)**

6:00 PM - **Awards Reception** *(includes dueling pianos by Whorlow Entertainment)*

6:00 PM - **Awards Banquet** *(includes Distinguished Service Awards & Engineering Excellence Awards presentations)*

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2022

8:30 AM - **Breakfast Program on Generational Differences in the Workplace** - *Speaker: Mark Williams, P.E., Midwest Aviation Leader, Garver*

10:00 AM - **Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**

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MFTI 2022 Legislative Days Scheduled

Missourians for Transportation Investment (MFTI) will hold a series of Legislative Days in the Capitol during the 2022 Legislative Session. These sessions are designed to provide opportunities for members to engage their local representatives and senators in a discussion on transportation investment. These Legislative Days are planned to be in-person. Alternative plans will be made if in-person visits are not allowed.



Join us January 19 to thank legislators for passing SB 262 and to encourage them to protect important transportation investments during this legislative session! Legislative Days in the Capitol are scheduled for the following dates:

- Wednesday, January 19th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- Wednesday, February 16th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- Tuesday, March 8th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- Tuesday, April 19th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- Wednesday, May 4th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Each Legislative Day in the Capitol will include an orientation and a legislative briefing. Participants will be provided materials to share with their legislators. Meetings will be scheduled with legislative leaders and participants are encouraged to visit their local state senators and representatives to discuss the importance of transportation investment.

To register for the January 19 Legislative Day in the Capitol, send the names and email addresses of those from your organization who plan to attend by clicking [here](#).

Register for ACEC/MO's 2022 Future Leaders Academy

Does your firm have a candidate for ACEC/MO's 2022 Future Leaders Academy (FLA)? Registration for the FLA program is now open. The dates for the 2022 FLA program are set for **May 4-5** in St. Charles; **June 15-16** in Independence; **July 20** via Zoom; and **August 24-25** 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.

Registration information is posted on our [website](#). To register for the 2022 FLA Program, click on the "**Register Now for ACEC/MO's 2022 Future Leaders Academy**" link below. We have almost half the spots filled already so if you want a spot in the 2022 class, please send in your registration form or contact Dawn Hill at DawnHill@acecmo.org.

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Upcoming ENR Webinars

Below are upcoming webinars provided by ENR. Click on the links below for more information and to register.

[Delivering the Program Ahead - Innovation's Role in the IIJA](#)

Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at 1:00 PM

We begin 2022 with a mandate to transform our nation's infrastructure amid global supply chain disruptions and historic labor shortages. How do we implement this ambitious agenda under such challenging circumstances? We must leverage innovation, for example advanced digital construction management systems, to maximize the impact of this once-in-a-generation investment, increase transparency and accountability, and strengthen the workforce to design, build and manage a modern infrastructure. If we are successful, infrastructure will be built so effectively and efficiently that we'll never need to spend the same dollar twice and it will support our economy and benefit generations into the future. During this webinar, participants will gain an understanding of:

- How will agencies re-imagine their construction program delivery using innovation?
- Considerations for selecting the most effective advanced solutions and how to encourage workforces to adopt new technologies.
- How state departments of transportation and project sponsors can optimize the IIJA.
- What benefits come from adopting innovations like advanced digital construction management systems and related technologies and what that means for the industry's workforce.



[Breaking Through the Noise of Construction Capital Program Management Technology](#)

Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 1:00 PM

If you believed everything you read it would appear the construction industry has made great strides modernizing how programs of all sizes are run. Over the past 10 years we have moved from spreadsheets, the "F:" drive and wet signatures to standardized processes and automated workflows, electronic signatures, and accurate, real-time data and reporting. Yet, if we have come so far, why are there still delayed programs, cost overruns and lack of collaboration across the entire lifecycle of a program? Break through the noise and misinformation around capital program management technology as Deloitte speaks to how they guide their clients through the evaluation process and how clients succeeded. Join us and learn how:

- To break-through misinformation and noise in the market.
- Deloitte strategically works with clients to build out requirements when evaluating construction technology.
- The private and public sectors approach security requirements.
- Owners have put Deloitte's best practices to work.



INDUSTRY NEWS

[2021 Economic Assessment of the Engineering & Design Services Industry](#)

The ACEC Research Institute released new reports on the engineering & design services industry: the 2021 economic analysis & a business sentiment report. See how the industry fared and what's on the horizon. To see the new reports, go to the [ACEC Research Institute's website](#).



New RFPs/RFQs Posted on ACEC/MO Website

The ACEC/MO website has been updated to include new RFPs/RFQs we recently received from MoDOT. To see the new RFPs/RFQs recently posted, click on the links below or go to our [website](#). We update the website as soon as we get new postings in, so please check it often.

- [Missouri Department of Transportation \(MoDOT\)](#)
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ACEC Research Institute Online Roundtable to Address Role of Technology in Design Services

The ACEC Research Institute will present an expert online roundtable on The Role of Technology in Engineering and Design Services on **January 18, 2022**, from **11:30 AM-12:30 PM**. The roundtable is the first in a series of sessions focused on the role, value and impact of technology among engineering and design service firms. On the panel will be Jon Gray, Principal, Rockport Analytics; Lori Hufford, Vice President, Design and Engineering, Enterprise Systems, Bentley Systems; and Steve Ross, Chief Information Officer, EXP Global. Research Institute Consultant Joseph Bates will moderate the panel.

The panelists will discuss key takeaways from research recently completed by the Research Institute designed to better understand the technological landscape in the engineering and design services industry. This includes how various technologies are being deployed and the value they provide to various firms across the industry, including:

- **Engineering Collaboration:** These workflow tools include a connected firm data environment and business process automation, driving efficiency, improved communication, collaboration, and shared access.
- **3D Modeling and BIM Automation:** These tools include model design and review, digital twins, virtual reality (VR) and digital delivery, allowing project participants virtual insights, increasing buy-in, and saving time and money due to more informed decision making among all stakeholders.
- **Insight Tools:** The broadest of the three categories includes tools and technologies such as big data, artificial intelligence, machine learning, GIS, and data analytics. These tools automate tasks that were once done manually or not at all, and many of these tools are used in combination to innovate more comprehensive solutions to complex challenges.

Click [here](#) to register. And don't miss the second roundtable, Implications of Emerging Technology Innovation on Firm Strategy on February 8, which will address how firms are incorporating new and anticipated innovations in technology into their core strategy.

Regulatory Impact Report for 10 CSR 20-6.010 Construction and Operating Permits Suspended

On December 6, 2021, a 60-day public comment period started on a Regulatory Impact Report (RIR) for amendments to 10 CSR 20-6.010 Construction and Operating Permits. During this RIR public notice period, an additional amendment was identified to clarify continuing authority application requirements in 10 CSR 20-6.010(2)(C). In order to include this clarification in the rulemaking process, the original RIR public notice is being suspended. A RIR public



notice including additional information about the continuing authority amendment, along with the information from the original RIR, will be issued at a future date.

A RIR is required at the beginning of the rulemaking process for rules prescribing environmental standards or conditions. It documents the environmental and economic costs and benefits associated with the proposed rule changes.

MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR

Member News

Klingner & Associates, P.A. has named **Jessica Cary, P.E.**, its new Environmental Department manager. She will oversee a staff of engineers and technicians performing environmental engineering and testing services across Iowa, Illinois and Missouri.

TranSystems Corporation is pleased to announce the addition of **Kevin Chafin, NCARB, AIA, LEED AP BD+C, F.SAME**, as Senior Vice President and Federal Market Sector Leader. In this role, he will oversee sales and strategy for the services provided to federal agencies.

WSP USA Inc. is proud to announce that *Engineering News-Record* recently named **Jennifer Pangborn, AICP, PTP** to its regional and national 2022 Top 20 Under 40 list.



Calendar of Events

February 24-25, 2022 -- ACEC/MO Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet, Kansas City
May 2, 2022 - ACEC/MO 1st Annual PAC Golf Tournament, Porto Cima, Sunrise Beach
May 22-25, 2022 - ACEC Annual Convention & Legislative Summit, Washington, DC
May 4-5, 2022 -- ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, St. Charles
June 8-13, 2022 - ACEC Midwest States Conference, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands
June 15-16, 2022 -- ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, Independence
July 20, 2022 -- ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, Virtual
August 24-25, 2022 -- ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, Osage Beach
August 25, 2022 -- ACEC/MO 6th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament, Osage Beach
August 25-26, 2022 -- ACEC/MO Summer Meeting, Osage Beach
October 16-19, 2022 -- ACEC Fall Conference, Colorado Springs, CO
November 3-4, 2022 -- ACEC/MO Fall Meeting, Columbia



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