



Weekly Update - January 30, 2023

Welcome to ACEC/MO's Weekly Newsletter! With this email, you'll receive all of the top updates in our organization, as well as new features. To login to your account make sure you've got your username and password handy!

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

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

- **Upcoming Events** (SAVE THE DATE - ACEC Midwest States Conference on June 7-9, 2023; Register for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet on March 2-3; Other Upcoming ACEC/MO Meetings)
- **Industry News** (PPP & R&D Tax Credit Issues; Buckle Up Phone Down Business Showdown; Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Announces Republican Committee Members)
- **Member Information & Calendar** (ACTION ALERT - Repeal R&D Amortization; New RFPs/RFQs Posted on ACEC/MO Website; Calendar of Events; Member News)

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 \(Hill\) Danison](#).

MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR

ACTION ALERT

ACTION ALERT - Repeal R&D Amortization

ACEC member action is needed to urge lawmakers to cosponsor legislation that will repeal R&D amortization.

Starting on January 1, 2022, Congress changed how firms write off R&D expenses. Previously they could be deducted in the year they were incurred but now must be amortized over five years in most cases.

Amortization of R&D expenses will cause significant cash flow problems for engineering firms and create a disincentive for investment in innovation. It will also place the U.S. at a competitive disadvantage to other countries that provide greater incentives for R&D.

ACEC and its coalition allies built

UPCOMING EVENTS



SAVE THE DATE - ACEC Midwest States Conference on June 7-9, 2023

The ACEC Midwest States Conference (ACEC Missouri, ACEC Kansas, & ACEC Oklahoma) is scheduled for **June 7-9, 2023**, in Springfield, MO. We have some great programs and fun events

planned for the conference. We are finalizing the details but here is a preview of what is to come:

- Site Visit of the Lake Springfield Master Plan
- ACEC/PAC Fundraiser at BigShots Golf
- Reception/Dinner with Springfield Improv as entertainment
- Thirsty Thursday at Springfield Cardinals Baseball Game
- CEO Roundtable Discussions
- Why Engineers Need to Show Up Panel Discussion
- ACEC Members Filling the Engineering Pipeline Panel Discussion
- ACEC State Meetings
- and additional speakers and seminars.

HOTEL: The conference will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 2431 N. Glenstone Avenue, Springfield, MO 65803. Call 417-831-3131 and refer to our group code "MSC" to get our group rate of \$119.00 single/double. The deadline to reserve your room is Monday, May 22, 2023.

As soon as the details are finalized for the conference, we'll send out registration information and will post it on our website. Make plans to join us for the ACEC Midwest States Conference on June 7-9!



Register for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet on March 2-3

ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet is scheduled for **March 2-3, 2023**, at the **St. Louis Union Station Hotel** in **St. Louis**. Below is the agenda for the meeting. Registration information is posted on [ACEC/MO's website](#). The early-bird deadline to register is February 15, 2023.

HOTEL INFORMATION: All events will be held at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel, 1820 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103. We have a block of sleeping rooms set up at a rate of \$199.00. To make your sleeping room reservation, call (314) 231-1234. Our block of rooms will be held until February 2, 2023, so please reserve your room by that date.

- SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023

8:30-9:30 AM - Tour of St. Louis City SC's Stadium

10:00 AM - Registration for Winter Meeting

10:15-11:45 AM - Environmental Committee Meeting (Speaker: [Rich Unverferth, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District](#))

10:15-11:45 AM - Transportation Committee Meeting (Speaker: [Jeff Glenn, Missourians for Transportation Investment](#))

12:00-1:00 PM - Lunch & QBS Awards

significant support last year for legislation to repeal this requirement but couldn't come to agreement on this and other pending tax issues. The R&D legislation is being reintroduced in the new Congress and members of the House and Senate need to hear from constituents asking them to cosponsor this critical initiative.

[Click Here to Contact Your Representative and Senators](#)



New RFPs/RFQs Posted on ACEC/MO Website

The ACEC/MO website has been updated to include new RFPs / RFQs we recently received, and they are listed below. To see all the RFPs / RFQs posted, go to our [website](#). We'll update you as we receive more RFPs / RFQs. (Reminder: You will have to login to the Members Only Portal to get to the RFQ's.)

- [Missouri Department of Transportation \(MoDOT\) - multiple deadlines](#)
- [City of Hannibal Parks & Recreation Department RFQ for Landscape Architecture/Engineer Firm to Develop Park Master Plan for Riverview Park - deadline to respond is March 10, 2023.](#)

Upcoming **EVENTS**

Calendar of Events

January 2023

Jan. 31 - ACEC/MO Navigating Recreational Marijuana in the Workplace Webinar

1:15-3:30 PM - CEO Roundtable Discussion – Small/Medium Firms & Medium/Large Firms
6:00-7:00 PM - Awards Reception (includes entertainment by Those Guys)
7:00-9:30 PM - Awards Banquet (Presentations: Distinguished Service Awards & Engineering Excellence Awards – Presented by *Ed Hassinger, Missouri Department of Transportation*)

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023

8:00-9:00 AM - Breakfast Program (Speaker: *Dave Bender, ACEC Vice President of Political Affairs*)
9:15-10:45 AM - I Want a New Drug: Tapping into the Flow State Seminar (Speaker: *Greg Coker, Greg Coker Development Inc.*)
11:00 AM-12:00 PM - Board of Directors / Membership Meeting



Other Upcoming ACEC/MO Meetings

Engineer's Day in the Missouri Capitol (Joint with ACEC/MO, APWA, ASCE and MSPE)

Date/Time/Location: **February 22, 2023 / 9:15 AM / Jefferson City**
Registration/Agenda: There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. [Click here](#) to register the Engineer's Day. [Click here](#) for more details on the meeting and to see the current list of registrants.

ACEC/MO DC Fly-In

Dates/Location: **March 27-28, 2023 / Washington, DC**
Registration/Agenda: ACEC/MO is working with ACEC National to set up appointments with congress. For more information or to sign up to receive future updates on the fly-in, [click here](#). RSVP'ing does not mean you are required to attend.

ACEC/MO & PSMJ A/E/C Project Management Bootcamp

Dates/Location: **April 5-6, 2023 / Columbia**
Registration/Agenda: [Click here](#) for detailed information on this exceptional program or to register. The early-bird deadline to register is *February 16, 2023*.

ACEC/MO Environmental & Energy Conference

Date/Time/Location: **April 14, 2023 / 9:45 AM / Jefferson City**
Agenda: ACEC/MO is working on finalizing speakers for this event and will send out registration information once details are finalized. This meeting will be held at the MDNR Conference Center in Jefferson City. Please put April 14th on your calendar and plan to join us!!

ACEC/MO 2023 Future Leaders Academy

Dates/Locations: **May 15-16 - Kansas City; June 15-16 - St. Charles; July 19-20 - Columbia; & August 23-24 - Osage Beach**
Registration/Agenda: For more information on the FLA program, [click here](#). To register for the FLA program, [click here](#). We have 19 out of the 20 spots filled so if you want a spot in the 2023 class, contact DawnHill@acecmo.org to hold a spot for your firm.

February 2023

Feb. 22 - Engineer's Day in the Missouri Capitol, Jefferson City

March 2023

Mar. 2-3 - ACEC/MO Winter Mtg. & Awards Banquet, St. Louis
Mar. 10-12 - ACEC EEA Judging, Chantilly, VA
Mar. 27-28 - ACEC/MO DC Fly-In, Washington, DC

April 2023

Apr. 5-6 - ACEC/MO & PSMJ A/E/C Project Management Bootcamp, Columbia
Apr. 14 - ACEC/MO Environmental & Energy Conference, Jefferson City

May 2023

May 1 - ACEC/MO 2nd Annual CECMO/PAC Golf Tournament, Sunrise Beach
May 15-16 - ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, Kansas City

June 2023

June 7-9 - ACEC Midwest States Conference, Springfield - **NEW DATES**
June 11-14 - ACEC Annual Convention & Legislative Summit, Washington, DC
June 15-16 - ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, St. Charles

July 2023

July 19-20 - ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, Columbia

August 2023

Aug. 23-24 - ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, Osage Beach
Aug. 24 - 7th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament, Osage Beach
Aug. 24-25 - ACEC/MO Summer Mtg. & Working Cmte. Session, Osage Beach

October 2023

Oct. 15-18 - ACEC Fall Conference, Austin, TX

November 2023

Nov. 2 - 2nd Annual ACEC/PAC Sporting Clays Tournament, Columbia
Nov. 2-3 - ACEC/MO Fall Mtg., Columbia

INDUSTRY NEWS

PPP & R&D Tax Credit Issues

by Steve Hall, Senior Vice President for Advocacy, ACEC

As you may know, this week's letter to the members from Linda highlights ACEC's key advocacy priorities for the new Congress, but we've heard from a couple of you and from some members with concerns over the lack of any mention of the PPP and R&D tax credit issues. This was inadvertent and not intentional, as both represent major priorities that carry over from the last Congress.

In the case of the PPP/FAR credits clause issue, as we discussed last week we are exploring our options for successful passage of legislation in the Senate, which as you know has been the problem, as well as additional legislative options and greater emphasis on regulatory engagement. We will schedule a call with you soon to discuss the path forward.

On the R&D tax credit five-year amortization issue, we're about to launch a new grassroots effort – in coordination with other stakeholders – to build support for relief legislation in Congress, and we will continue to coordinate with lawmakers and the House and Senate tax-writing committees to push through a solution as soon as possible. We'll discuss this further with you as well.

If you would like to have a fuller briefing, please contact Steve Hall at SHall@acec.org.



Buckle Up Phone Down Business Showdown

Want to do your part to make Missouri roads safer and win cash prizes? The **Buckle Up Phone Down (BUPD) Business Showdown** runs from January 9 to March 31, 2023, and is open to all Missouri employers with five or more employees. To be eligible for the Business Showdown, businesses must do the following:

- Have five or more employees;
- Register for the Showdown (link below);
- Adopt a safe driving policy (a sample policy is provided along with other communication and educational materials); and
- Ask employees to: complete an online distracted driving training video; and submit an online Buckle Up Phone Down pledge.

Businesses with the highest percentage of employees completing the training and taking the Buckle Up Phone Down Pledge by March 31, 2023, can win cash prizes to use towards employee safety initiatives. A total of three (3) cash prizes will be awarded to the top three (3) businesses – 1st place: \$7,500, 2nd place: \$6,000 and 3rd

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

MEMBER NEWS

Member News

Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc. is pleased to announce the following: in their St. Louis office, **Todd Ehlen, P.E.**, has advanced to the role of Buildings & Sites Group Manager; **Kevin Fuller, P.E.**, is taking on a new role as Construction Services Manager; **Mohannad Alhusban, Ph.D.**, has joined the firm as a structural engineer; **Blake Craig** has joined the firm as an aviation engineer; and **Jay Rakers, P.E.**, has been promoted to Surface Transportation Group Manager. **Andy Mueller, P.E.**, has been promoted to Surface Transportation Group Manager in their Springfield office.

Klingner & Associates, P.C. is pleased to announce that **Josiah Moore, P.E.**, has earned his Professional Engineer licensure from the State of Iowa Engineering and Land Surveying Examining Board. He also holds additional professional licenses in Missouri and Colorado.

TranSystems is pleased to announce **Jeff Lackey** as Regional Government Market Sector Leader for the Central and West Regions

WSP USA is pleased to announce their new civil team members who have recently joined their Kansas City office: **Brandon Moore**, Field Inspector / CADD Technician; **Harry Welsh**, Design Engineer; **Carson Gray**, Design Engineer; **John Perlik**, Civil Engineer; and **Devang Raval, MS, (A.M.ASCE)**, Civil Engineer.

place: \$5,000. The winning businesses will also be invited to the Missouri State Capitol for a recognition event on April 12, 2023.

Employees who complete the training video and take the pledge are also entered into a drawing for a chance to win a \$25 gift card.

Accept the challenge today and encourage your employees to [drive like it's their job](#), by buckling their seat belts and putting their phones down while driving!

To register for the challenge or to get your employees engaged, go to [MoDOT's website](#).

Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Announces Republican Committee Members

With the 118th Congress underway and Republican leadership set, GOP members are now receiving their committee assignments. The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee will be chaired by Rep. Sam Graves (R-MO) and Representative Rick Larsen (D-WA) will be the ranking member of the committee. [...] To read the full article, to include the lists of new and returning members of congress, [click here](#).

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