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

- **Upcoming Events** (*Register Now for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet on February 24-25; Upcoming MFTI 2022 Legislative Days; ACEC/MO Partnering with PSMJ to Bring A/E/C Principals Bootcamp to Show-Me State; Register for ACEC/MO's 2022 Future Leaders Academy*)
- **Industry News** (*Missouri DNR: New Funding Opportunities Presentation on February 4; ACEC Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Resource Page; New RFPs/RFQs Posted on ACEC/MO Website; Putting it on the Line: Equal Opportunity Theory in Practice; Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: Why it Matters for CRE*)
- **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](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Register now to attend ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet on **February 24-25, 2022**, at the **Crowne Plaza Kansas City Downtown**. A brief outline of the agenda is listed below. To see the complete agenda, click [here](#). To register for the meeting, click on the link below.

- 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*

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**

Register for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet

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Upcoming MFTI 2022 Legislative Days

Missourians for Transportation Investment (MFTI) will hold a series of Legislative Days in the Capitol during the 2022 Legislative Session. These Legislative Days are planned to be in-person. Alternative plans will be made if in-person visits are not allowed. Legislative Days in the Capitol are scheduled for the below dates. We'll send out meeting invites for each meeting once we receive them. Please put the below dates on your calendar and plan to join us.

- 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.



ACEC/MO Partnering with PSMJ to Bring A/E/C Principals Bootcamp to Show-Me State

WHEN: **April 12-13, 2022 in Columbia, MO**

WHERE: **Drury Plaza Hotel Columbia East**

EARLY-BIRD REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **February 23, 2022**

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PRINCIPALS
BOOTCAMP®

ACEC/MO, for the first time, is partnering with PSMJ Resources, Inc., a leading source for the latest on design management consulting, to host the renowned A/E/C Principals Bootcamp scheduled for **April 12-13, 2022**. It will be held at the **Drury Plaza Hotel Columbia East, Columbia, MO**. This 2-day workshop is guaranteed to give you proven skills to improve project delivery, financial performance, client satisfaction, and much more. For detailed information on this exceptional program or to register for the program, click [here](#). The early bird deadline to register is **February 23, 2022**, to receive a special member discount. Registrants have the option to pay by check or by credit card. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Hill at 573-634-4080 or email at DawnHill@acecmo.org.

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. Registration information is posted on our [website](#). Half of the spots are 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.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Missouri DNR: New Funding Opportunities Presentation on February 4



Representatives from Missouri DNR's Financial Assistance Center will be leading a webinar on new federal funding opportunities. The webinar will be held on **Friday, February 4, 2022**, from **11:00 AM - 12:00 PM**. The presentation will cover the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Infrastructure law), and what these new laws mean for new and existing funding programs in the state. Topics will include project eligibilities, estimated timelines for applications and funding, program requirements, and more. A Webex invitation is included below. Logistical questions can be directed to Greg Powell at 573-751-6454 or greg.powell@dnr.mo.gov.

When it's time, join your Webex meeting here: [Join meeting](#).

More ways to join:

Join from the [meeting link](#)

Join by meeting number

Meeting number (access code):
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Join from a video system or application

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You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

Join using Microsoft Lync or Microsoft Skype for Business

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ACEC Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Resource Page

ACEC has put together a resource page on their website with valuable information on the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). On that resource page, you can listen to ACEC *Engineering Influence* podcasts on IIJA as well as White House briefing. Also included on the page are the following resources:



- ACEC Letters of Support
- Legislative Resources
- White House Resources
- Transportation Resources
- Water Resources
- Energy Resources
- External Resources.

Click [here](#) to go to the ACEC IIJA Resource Page.

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 [here](#). We update the website as soon as we get new postings in, so please check it often.



Putting it on the Line: Equal Opportunity Theory in Practice

by Rich Friedman, Friedman & Partners



Policies promoting equal opportunity have long been standard in the architecture, engineering and construction (AEC) industry, but putting these policies into practice is not as common. In this installment of *The Friedman File*, we examine how three firms elevated the spirit of equal opportunity into actions delivering tangible benefits.

A "Chance" Meeting

Three years ago, Al Spagnolo and Troy Depeiza were among a handful of architects competing for a project. Neither won. And both did.

Their chance meeting sparked a friendship and formal partnership that underscores the concepts on which the diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) movement is based. Spagnolo's multidiscipline design firm, SGA, is renowned for its work in life sciences and higher education. It celebrated its 30th Anniversary in January. Depeiza founded DREAM Collaborative, LLC, in 2008 with fellow Caribbean-born architect Greg Minott, but it wasn't until 2014 that the workload allowed them to devote their full professional energies to the firm.

"I've always felt that I could do more to promote minority firms, firms of color," says Spagnolo. "Very little has been done throughout our profession, and that's part of what compelled me to reach out to Troy."

When the two men met, DREAM Collaborative was growing [...] [Click here](#) to read the full article.

Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: Why it Matters for CRE

by Rebecca Rockey, Head of Economic Analysis & Forecasting, Global Research, Cushman & Wakefield



Learn the significance of the infrastructure bill, which regions will benefit the most and how it will impact the U.S. economy and commercial real estate (CRE) property markets. On November 15, President Biden signed the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) into law. Carved out of the more aggressive Build Back

Better vision, it marks one of the most significant investments in physical infrastructure in the U.S. in at least half a century. In this report, we provide our quick take on the following:

- The infrastructure bill and what's significant about it
- Which regions will benefit the most from it
- How it will impact the U.S. economy and property markets

Key Takeaways

- It is estimated that the infrastructure bill will raise GDP growth by a cumulative 3.5% from 2022-2031, and long-term GDP growth by 0.1% per annum.
- The IIJA is not expected to place any material pressure on near-term inflation as the money takes time to get dispersed, and it could result in downward pressure on prices longer-term through expected efficiency and productivity gains.
- Industrial is the biggest winner, but all property types stand to benefit.
- As a result of the infrastructure bill, we estimate that total demand for commercial real estate space could be about 1.2% higher over the next five years.

What is the infrastructure bill?

The IIJA is a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure package that has two key components. The first is the reauthorization of \$650 billion [...] [Click here](#) to read the full article.

MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR

Member News

[CBB](#) is pleased to announce that **Esther Robinson**, has joined the firm as transportation analyst.

[HNTB Corporation](#) is pleased to welcome **Travis Pfeiffer, P.E.**, as roadway department manager in the firm's St. Louis office, helping deliver large-scale infrastructure projects across Missouri and Illinois.

[Horner & Shifrin, Inc.](#) congratulates **Amanda Payne** and **Christy Willson** who have both been appointed Associate Vice Presidents of the firm; and **Jon Loos, P.E.** and **Tim Straszacker** were also named new Associates of the firm.

[Lochmueller Group](#) congratulates **Doug Shatto, PE, PTOE**, as the firm's new Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Doug succeeds Mike Hinton in accordance with the firm's succession plan, thereby allowing the company to continue its growth and evolution. Former CEO Mike Hinton will remain with the company as Executive Chairman and will lead the new Fiduciary Board of Directors.

[McClure](#) is pleased to announce that **Nate Mackley** joined the firm's Columbia office as a structural designer.

[Ross & Baruzzini, Inc.](#) congratulates **Tom Shackelford** on his promotion to Manager - Cloud Infrastructure & Network Operations. He started with the firm as a network analyst; however, shortly after, he was brought into the AWS migration project and has managed the cloud infrastructure ever since.

[WSP USA Inc.](#) is pleased to announce that **Steff Hedenkamp** has joined the firm in Kansas City as a Senior Communications and Public Involvement Manager.



Calendar of Events

February 24-25, 2022 -- ACEC/MO Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet, Kansas City
March 10-11, 2022 - ACEC/MO Strategic Plan Retreat, Echo Bluff State Park
April 12-13, 2022 - ACEC/MO & PSMJ A/E/C Principals Bootcamp, Columbia, MO
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](#).

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