



Weekly Update - February 27, 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.

*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.

- [ACEC/MO President's Report](#)
- [Upcoming Events](#) (*Register Now to Attend ACEC/MO's 1st Annual Environmental & Energy Conference on April 14; Other Upcoming ACEC/MO Meetings*)
- [Industry News](#) (*New Guidance on Implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*)
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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](#).

## INDUSTRY NEWS

### New Guidance on Implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

On Friday, FHWA Administrator Shailen Bhatt circulated new guidance on implementation of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Administration's priorities. The memo supersedes guidance issued in December 2021 that was the subject of some confusion and concern, particularly with respect to the way it discouraged construction of new highway capacity projects. ACEC had joined several industry stakeholder groups in encouraging Administrator Bhatt to rescind the previous memo ([view letter](#)). Congressional Republicans had repeatedly raised questions about the earlier guidance in oversight hearings with Secretary Buttigieg and threatened legislative action to challenge the memo because it was viewed as a regulatory measure directing State DOT decisions on use of formula funds that were not consistent with the flexibilities afforded in the law.

## ACEC/MO President's Report



### ACEC/MO President's Report

First off, thank you to everyone who participated in the 1st Annual Engineer's Day at the Missouri Capitol. We had roughly 60 people show up to represent the engineering profession and let the Missouri Legislature know we are here and why they should listen to us. I think for an inaugural event, the turnout was phenomenal. We met with Representative Don Mayhew in the House Lounge (pictured below) and also House Majority Floor Leader Jon Patterson. Throughout the day, I saw members of ACEC/MO, APWA, ASCE and MSPE going out of individual offices and leaving our "Engineering Matters" brochure. I also had comments from a number of legislators and staff about the presence that engineers had in the building that day.

We are already working on next year's event and hope to have a "save the date" email out in the coming weeks.



We have some very impressive numbers associated with our Winter Meeting this week. The soccer stadium tours are maxed out on capacity. We have over 150 people for the EEA Banquet and 80 registered for the meeting. We have speakers for both the Transportation and Environmental Committees and special guest Dave Bender will be joining us from ACEC National to give his perspective on what the new Congress looks like.

Last week, Missouri Governor Mike Parson and Attorney General Andrew Bailey announced that Missouri has joined with 23 other states in filing a lawsuit regarding the EPA's recent "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS) rule. Proponents of the lawsuit state that the new rule goes beyond the power Congress delegated in the Clean Water Act and raises serious constitutional concerns. EPA Administrator Michael Regan recently told Brownfield the release of the administration's WOTUS rule happened before the ruling on Sackett vs. EPA because there are aspects of the rule the agency wanted to get on record. Bailey argued that the Supreme Court should issue a ruling on the Sackett case before the EPA issues any more rules. The EPA issued a new rule on December 30th, 2022.

Last Wednesday, the House Transportation Infrastructure and Transportation Accountability Committees held a joint meeting for an informal presentation by MoDOT on their revenues and project lists. The meeting became contentious at times over the recent passage of SB262 and the request for general revenues for I-70. While the Governor's budget of \$859 million for I-70 was reduced by only \$48 million in the Appropriations hearing, there is a great deal of speculation of what will happen in the Budget Committee.

Finally, registration is open for the ACEC/MO Environmental & Energy Seminar. We have partnered with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to put together a program specifically addressing the policy area of alternative energy, electrification of transportation infrastructure and PFAS. We will wrap the day up with an ACEC/MO Environmental Committee meeting. This is a great opportunity to network with DNR staff and meet with experts in these fields. Please [click here](#) to register ASAP as we may have to limit attendance. I hope to see you this week in St. Louis!

## UPCOMING EVENTS



The new guidance is available [here](#).

## MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR



### 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 [ACEC/MO's 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.)

- [City of Kahoka RFQ to Assist in a Water System Improvement Project](#) - deadline to respond is March 10, 2023
- [Missouri Department of Transportation \(MoDOT\)](#) - multiple deadlines

## Upcoming EVENTS

### Calendar of Events

#### 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

## Register Now to Attend ACEC/MO's 1st Annual Environmental & Energy Conference on April 14

ACEC/MO is hosting the 1st Annual Environmental & Energy Conference on **Friday, April 14, 2023**, from **9:45 AM to 3:15 PM** and will be held at the **MDNR East Elm Street Conference Center** in **Jefferson City**. Below is a schedule of events for the meeting. The detailed agenda and registration information are posted on [ACEC/MO's website](#). The early-bird deadline to register is Friday, April 7, 2023.

### AGENDA

**9:45 AM – Opening Introductions**

**9:50-10:50 AM – The Future of Alternative Energy in Missouri –**  
*Moderator: Craig Redmon, Director of the MDNR Division of Energy.*  
*Speakers: Scott Wibbenmeyer, Senior Director, Renewable Business Development, AmerenUE; Jon Dolan, Executive Director, Missouri Solar Energy Industries Association; and James Owen, Executive Director, RenewMO.*

**10:50-11:00 AM – Break**

**11:00-12:00 AM – The Road Ahead: Electrifying Transportation –**  
*Speakers: Maurice K. Muia, Climate Advisor, City of St. Louis; Elizabeth Prestwood, Policy and Innovation Manager, MoDOT.*

**12:10-1:00 PM – Lunch & Keynote Speaker: Dru Buntin, Director, Missouri Department of Natural Resources.**

**1:10-2:20 PM – PFAS: Challenges on the Horizon –**

*Moderator- Kyra Moore, Director of MDNR Environmental Quality.*  
*Speakers: Todd Phillips, PFAS Coordinator, EPA Region 7; Chris Wieberg, Director of MDNR Water Protection Program; Fred Slack, Peterson Space Force Base Cleanup.*

**2:20-2:30 PM – Break**

**2:30-3:15 pm – ACEC/MO Environmental Committee Meeting**  
*(The Committee will convene for discussion and feedback on the Environmental/Energy Conference, receive briefings from the Air and Water program, and will have open discussion. This meeting open to anyone who wants to participate.)*



## Other Upcoming ACEC/MO Meetings

### 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. For information on the sleeping room block at the hotel, [click here](#).

### 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 deadline to register is *March 3, 2023*.

### 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

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.** recently announced **William (Bill) Bailey, P.E., S.E.**, as the company's sixth CEO. The firm's previous CEO, **Daniel (Dan) Meckes, P.E.**, will continue as the firm's board chair.

## **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](mailto:DawnHill@acecmo.org) to hold a spot for your firm. The deadline to register is *March 3, 2023*.

## **ACEC Midwest States Conference**

Date/Location: **June 7-9, 2023 / Springfield**

Agenda: ACEC/MO is 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. 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. You can also reserve your room [online](#). The deadline to reserve your room is *Monday, May 22, 2023*.

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