



Weekly Update - May 4, 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.

- **Past Meeting Highlights** (*ACEC/MO Meeting with Missouri Attorney General; ACEC/MO 2nd Annual ACECMO/PAC Golf Tournament Highlights*)
- **Upcoming Events** (*Register for the ACEC Midwest States Conference on June 7-9 in Springfield*)
- **Liaison Committee News** (*Kansas City, Missouri Liaison Committee Meeting*)
- **Industry News** (*Federal Agencies Committee Meets with Corps Leaders; The Economic Outlook with FMI's Jay Bowman*)
- **Member Information & Calendar** (*Important Reminders; Sign Up Now for ACEC National Committees; Member Firms Named to ENR's 2023 Top 500 Design Firms List; 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](#).

PAST MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

ACEC/MO Meeting with Missouri Attorney General

Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey recently announced that the United States District Court for the District of North Dakota has granted his motion for preliminary injunction halting the new Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule. This order comes mere days after President Biden vetoed legislation passed by a bipartisan coalition in Congress that would have overturned his interpretation of WOTUS. The Court granted preliminary injunction overcomes the president's veto by blocking the rule. Joining Missouri in the lawsuit are the attorneys general of Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New

LIAISON COMMITTEE NEWS

Kansas City, Missouri Liaison Committee Meeting

The Kansas City, Missouri / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on April 5, 2023 in Kansas City. Committee members in attendance were: Laura Gray, Nathan Hladky, Rob Krewson, Jeff McKerrow, Agnes Otto and Tom Poer. Items discussed during the meeting included:

- Safety Moment
- KC Water
- Round Robin Update with other public sector city leads/staff.

To see the complete minutes from this meeting, [click here](#). You can also see minutes from the most recent meetings posted on [ACEC/MO's website](#).

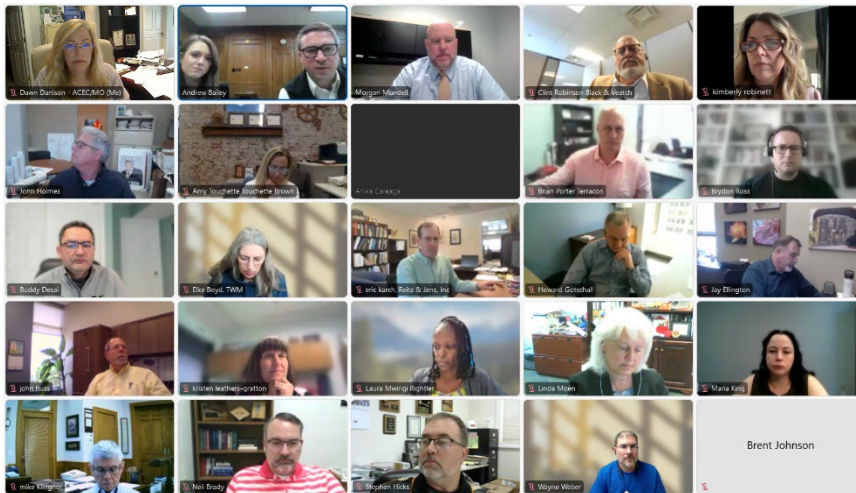
INDUSTRY NEWS

Federal Agencies Committee Meets with Corps Leaders

The Federal Agencies and Procurement Advocacy (FAPA)

Hampshire, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

Over 35 ACEC/MO members met virtually with Missouri Attorney General Andrew Bailey on April 26, 2023, where he briefed us on where things currently stand regarding WOTOS and what the next steps are in the legal process.



Committee recently hosted Mr. Pete Perez, SES, Chief of Engineering and Construction at the US Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps discussed their commitment to relationships, documenting best practices and lessons learned from across the federal government and industry. As Mr. Perez noted in his presentation, “there is tremendous value in the cross-pollination and knowledge transfer between industry and federal clients like the Corps, creating an invaluable way of leveraging capabilities. Creating an exchange of insights across the government and industry is essential to maintaining these relationships and improving the quality of work.”

The Committee is working together with the Corps to document these issues into an A/E Industry Partnership Playbook to further galvanize the collaboration between industry and the Corps. Jim Hoffman, Chair of the Federal Agencies Procurement Advocacy Committee noted, “we want to examine this relationship with the entirety of the lifecycle considered, starting at the IDIQ level, then on to Task Orders, the Corps has given this industry and ACEC a great opportunity to advance this relationship.”

To learn more or to join the Federal Agencies and Procurement Advocacy Committee contact Dan Hilton at dhilton@acec.org.

ACEC/MO 2nd Annual ACECMO/PAC Golf Tournament Highlights

ACEC/MO hosted the 2nd Annual ACECMO/PAC Golf Tournament on Monday, May 1, 2023, at The Club at Porto Cima in Sunrise Beach. We had a great turnout along with much better weather than last year. Below are photos of the foursomes for the tournament. We also want to thank the following firms that were sponsors for the event. It would not have been possible without your help. Thank you!!

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Right to left: Jason Dohrmann & Dave Maxwell, HR Green; and Todd Welz, Quigg Engineering.

The Economic Outlook with FMI's Jay Bowman

Jay Bowman, a Partner with investment firm FMI, joined Diana Alexander on the ACEC Engineering Influence podcast for a deep dive into the economic outlook for the engineering and design services industry. To listen to the podcast, [click here](#).



Right to left: Chip Jones, Emery Sapp & Sons; Todd Kempker, Bartlett & West, Inc.; Dennis Bahls, Emery Sapp & Sons; and Bruce Green, Bartlett & West, Inc.



Right to left: Jared Davis, Andrew Eckhart & Sterling Cramer, OWN, Inc.; and Brad Gebhard, Bryan Properties.



Right to left: Ben Asnicar, Burns & McDonnell; Chad Charest & Nathan Hladky, Hg Consult, Inc.; and Dennis Heckman, Civil Design, Inc.

MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR

REMINDER

Important Reminders

ACEC/MO Board of Directors

Ballot: The ballot was recently sent to ACEC/MO voting member representatives. The deadline to vote for those nominated for the 2023-2024 Board of Directors is **May 25, 2023**.

ACEC/MO 2022-2023 Dues:

ACEC/MO member firms paying their dues on a quarterly or semiannual basis must have all dues paid and in the ACEC/MO office **by June 30, 2023** (*the last day of our fiscal year*).

Sign Up Now for ACEC National Committees

ACEC's committees are a primary means of carrying out functions that advance the Council's Strategic Plan. Committees undertake a wide range of activities, including recommending legislation and regulations to promote and protect the engineering industry; providing essential information on engineering business issues; reviewing and recommending business products and services that benefit member firms; and overseeing the performance of ACEC programs.

The list of ACEC committees below are open and are generally market-related. Any employee of any member firm may join an open committee at any time of year. [Click here](#) to join the ACEC Open Community — this takes you to a log-in page (log-in is required because ACEC membership is a



Right to left: Andy Bodine, Tony Russo, Jay Rakers and Kevin Fuller, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.



Right to left: Todd Rehg, City of Webster Groves; Matt Graviett, GBA, Inc.; Tony Gambaro, City of Wentzville; and Mike Erdtmann, GBA, Inc.



Right to left: Aaron Bresette, HDR, Inc.; Derek Bloom, RTM; Chad Hall & Jason Haynes, HDR, Inc.

prerequisite for joining any committee.)

You may click on any of the Committees listed below to view information on that committee. If you have a question, please contact Maria Schaff at 202-347-7474 or mschaff@acec.org.

OPEN COMMITTEES:

[Business Resources and Education Committee](#); [Contract Documents Committee](#); [Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Committee](#) (Includes Subgroups: [Forum Development Subgroup](#); [Leadership Paths Subgroup](#); [Education Subgroup](#); [Partnerships with Professional Societies Subgroup](#); [Resources for M.O.s Subgroup](#)); [Federal Agencies & Procurement Advocacy Committee](#); [International Committee](#); [Management Practices Committee](#); [Membership Committee](#); [Risk Management Committee](#); [Tax and Regulatory Affairs Committee](#); [Transportation Committee](#) (Includes: [Transportation Steering Committee](#); [ACEC / AASHTO Joint Committee](#)); [Water, Energy and Environment Committee](#); (Working Groups - Water: [Water Resources](#); Energy: [Energy Markets](#); Environment: [Remediation](#); [Contaminants](#); [Permitting](#))

Member Firms Named to ENR's 2023 Top 500 Design Firms List

ACEC/MO members firms have the honor of being ranked in ENR's Top 500 Design Firms list. Some offices are headquartered in Missouri (*italicized*) and some offices are branch offices in Missouri. Below is the list of firms and their rankings. Congratulations to all member firms that made the list!

1 - Jacobs



Right to left: Matt Spencer, Hg Consult, Inc.; James Ritter, Jacobs; Mike Alexander & Buddy Desai, Hg Consult, Inc.



Right to left: Derek Vap & Travis Pfeiffer, HNTB Corporation; Don Hillis & Josh Doerhoff, Emery Sapp & Sons.



Right to left: Scott Smith, Laura Mwirigi Rightler, Tyson King and Chris Beard, Lochmueller Group.

- 2 - AECOM
- 4 - Tetra Tech, Inc.
- 5 - WSP USA Inc.
- 6 - HDR, Inc.
- 7 - Burns & McDonnell
- 8 - Stantec, Inc.
- 9 - Kimley-Horn & Associates
- 13 - HNTB Corporation
- 14 - Black & Veatch
- 15 - Parsons
- 20 - Terracon Consultants, Inc.
- 24 - CDM Smtih
- 28 - GHD, Inc.
- 41 - Brown and Caldwell
- 56 - Woolpert, Inc.
- 57 - IMEG Corp
- 65 - TranSystems
- 73 - Olsson
- 88 - SAM, LLC
- 96 - Garver
- 100 - Volkert, Inc.
- 101 - Alfred Benesch & Company
- 113 - Barr Engineering Company
- 128 - Lochner
- 150 - Walter P Moore
- 154 - Introba Inc.
- 168 - HR Green, Inc.
- 180 - Wilson & Company, Inc.
- 186 - Hanson Professional Serv.
- 213 - Farnsworth Group, Inc.
- 224 - Crawford, Murphy & Tilly
- 229 - GeoEngineers, Inc.
- 236 - Shannon & Wilson, Inc.
- 276 - GBA, Inc.
- 290 - Bartlett & West, Inc.
- 383 - Modjeski and Masters, Inc.
- 404 - Lochmueller Group
- 419 - McClure
- 462 - Donohue & Associates, Inc.
- 463 - Veenstra & Kimm, Inc.
- 475 - Lamp Rynearson

Calendar of Events

May 2023

May 15-16 - ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, Kansas City

June 2023

June 7-9 - ACEC Midwest States Conference, Springfield

June 11-14 - ACEC Annual Convention & Legislative Summit, Washington, DC

June 15-16 - ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, St. Charles

July 2023



Right to left: Chris Pflasterer, GBA, Inc.; David Holloway & Stan Thrasher, Volkert, Inc.; and Brett Brooks, Engineering Design Source, Inc.



Right to left: Jeff Eiserman, Ollis/Akers/Arney Insurance & Business Advisors; Kevin Eisenbeis, Burns & McDonnell; Cameron Black, Ollis/Akers/Arney Insurance & Business Advisors; and Paul Plotas, Burns & McDonnell.



Right to left: Len Toenjes, AGC; Jeff Glenn, GlennView Strategies; Marc Alper, Alper Audi, Inc.; and Mike Busch, Oates Associates, Inc.

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

August 2023

August 23-24 - ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, Osage Beach

August 24 - 7th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament, Osage Beach

August 24-25 - ACEC/MO Summer Mtg. & Working Cmte. Session, Osage Beach

October 2023

October 15-18 - ACEC Fall Conference, Austin, TX

November 2023

November 2 - 2nd Annual ACEC/PAC Sporting Clays Tournament, Columbia

November 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

Bartlett & West, Inc. is pleased to welcome **Steve McKay** as a Construction Project Manager working with the Design Build team and will be working out of the Jefferson City, MO office.

McClure is pleased to announce that **Anthony DePriest** and **Anthony Malone** passed the Professional Landscape Architecture (PLA) exams to become a Professional Landscape Architect.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



Register for the ACEC Midwest States Conference on June 7-9 in Springfield

We have finalized an excellent program for the ACEC Midwest States Conference scheduled for **June 7-9, 2023**, in **Springfield, MO**. Below are some highlights of what we have planned. To see the complete schedule of events, go to [ACEC/MO's website](#). To register for the conference, [click here](#). The deadline to register for the conference is **Wednesday, May 17, 2023**.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Site Visit of Lake Springfield Master Plan
- CEO Roundtable Discussions for Small & Large Firms
- ACEC/PAC Fundraiser at BigShots Golf
- Welcoming Reception & Dinner
- Seminar Programs: Scope Creep, Level of Service and Leaving Money on the Table; Why Engineers Need to Show Up Panel Discussion; ACEC Members Filling the Engineering Pipeline Panel Discussion; Cyber Trends in 2023; Ownership Transition Planning - Direct Ownership, ESOP or Both; Program on ESG 101 - Are You Ready for the ESG Ripple Effect?
- Spouse/Kids Visit to Dickerson Park Zoo
- Lunch & Keynote Speaker: Aisha Bowe, Former NASA Rocket Scientist & Founder/CEO of STEM Board
- ACEC State Meetings (Kansas, Missouri & Oklahoma)
- Springfield Cardinals Baseball Game vs. NW Arkansas

HOTEL INFORMATION:

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 book your sleeping room [online](#). The deadline to reserve your sleeping room is **Monday, May 22, 2023**. To see more information on the hotel, [click here](#). To see the 2022 Springfield Area Guide, [click here](#).

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Gold Sponsors: [ACEC Life/Health Trust](#); [Chartwell Financial Advisory](#); [InScope](#); [Seiler Geospatial](#)