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

- **Upcoming Events** (*Save the Date for ACEC/MO's Fall Meeting on November 11-12; Upcoming ENR Webinars*)
- **Industry News** (*New RFPs/RFQs on ACEC/MO Website; ACEC Peer Benchmarking Analysis Survey; Green Infrastructure Training Webinar on October 5; Government Affairs Update Podcast: Infrastructure, PPP Waiver, Reconciliation, and the Debt Ceiling; Missouri Clean Water Commission Notice of Open Meeting; Predicting the Return to the Office*)
- **Member Information & Calendar** (*ACEC/MO EEA Project Competition - Entries Due October 25th; ACEC/MO Seeking Life Member Nominations; ACEC Retirement Plan Exclusively for ACEC/MO Members; More Member Renewals and PAC Contributions; 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](#). We would love to hear from you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date for ACEC/MO's Fall Meeting on November 11-12

Make plans now to attend ACEC/MO's Fall Meeting scheduled for **November 11-12, 2021** at The Broadway Columbia - a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Columbia, MO. The theme of this meeting is *"Getting the Job Done: Workforce Development, Recruitment and Retention."* Below is a tentative schedule of events for the meeting. Once we have the details finalized, we'll send out registration information. Please put November 11-12th on your calendar and plan to join us in Columbia!!



TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021

5:30-6:30 PM – **Networking Reception** – Come join your fellow ACEC/MO Members for a networking reception and meet up to make dinner plans at one of Columbia's many downtown dining establishments. Dinner on your own.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2021

7:30-9:00 AM – **Registration**

8:00-9:10 AM – **Breakfast Program / Speaker: “What Are Potential Employees Looking For”** – In today’s market, keeping your current employees is just as important as recruiting new ones. With the changing demographics of the workforce, the advancement of remote work and new employee demands on work/life balance, learn about some of the common issues that drive employees to look elsewhere.

9:15-10:15 AM – **Committee Meetings: Environmental; and Governmental Affairs / Transportation Joint Meeting**, *Senate Majority Floor Leader (invited)*

10:20 AM-12:00 PM – **“The Future of the Engineering Pipeline Seminar”** (2.0 PDHs) - With recent changes in infrastructure funding at both the state and federal levels, the demand for engineers has never been greater. Hear a forecast of what is coming down the pipeline from some of Missouri’s top engineering programs and what they are doing to recruit students into the profession of engineering.

Speakers: Roger Fales, Associate Professor, Associate Dean of Student Services and Academic Programs, University of Missouri; Praveen Edara, Professor and Chair, P.E., Civil & Environmental Engineering, University of Missouri; and Kathleen Trauth, Associate Professor, IDE Faculty Fellow, P.E., University of Missouri

12:10-1:10 PM – **Lunch Program / Speaker: to be determined**

1:20-2:45 PM – **Board of Directors / Membership Meeting**

Upcoming ENR Webinars

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

[Lessons from Thompson Turner Construction: 5 Phases to Adopt Drones at Your Company](#)

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 1:00 PM

There’s growing recognition that drones are powerful tools for the construction and engineering industry. According to the 2020 Levitate Capital report, the “architecture, engineering, and construction industry remain among the largest sectors of the global enterprise drone market through 2030.” But what if you haven’t adopted drones at your job sites yet? Join Thompson Turner Construction and Skyward as we discuss what it takes to adopt drones at your company. As a bonus, we’ll look at a real-world construction site and show you how to plan a drone flight, obtain fast access to controlled airspace, fly a mission, and create high-quality maps and models — all from the Skyward platform. In this webinar, you’ll learn how to:

- Adopt drones at your company with best practices in mind
- Plan and fly low-risk drone missions in Skyward
- Gain fast access to fly in controlled airspace
- Create maps and models of a real-world construction site.



[Digital Twinning with Large Projects](#)

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 1:00 PM

A robust digital twin created during design and construction can be used by owners of major developments for everything from building operations to optimizing systems’ use. This webinar will show how owners and facilities managers put their digital twins to work after handover. Additionally, you’ll learn how designers and contractors gather data and make it useful during the construction process.



New RFPs/RFQs Posted on ACEC/MO Website

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

- [City Solicitations](#)
- [Missouri Department of Transportation \(MoDOT\)](#)



ACEC Peer Benchmarking Analysis Survey

ACEC has launched a new online Peer Benchmarking Analysis survey exclusively for ACEC members, which will allow them to benchmark against their peers across multiple key performance indicators. ACEC has partnered with the Environmental Financial Consulting Group (EFCG), a leading advisor to A/E/C firms, to design and manage the program. Learn more on how to participate: <https://lnkd.in/gXnSDfur>.



Green Infrastructure Training Webinar on October 5

Green stormwater infrastructure requires thorough understanding of long-term success and maintenance as it goes through stages of planning, design, construction, and establishment. CDM Smith is partnering with Mid-America Regional Council to host a free training webinar on Green Infrastructure Maintenance. It will be held on **Tuesday, October 5, 2021 from 9:00-11:00 AM**. This webinar will demonstrate successful strategies to **maximize the establishment and success of your green infrastructure** based on lessons learned, providing specific recommendations for municipalities, owners, designers, contractors, and maintenance personnel. Click [here](#) to register for the webinar. Contact Syntia Isah at sisah@marc.org with any questions about registration.



Government Affairs Update Podcast: Infrastructure, PPP Waiver, Reconciliation, and the Debt Ceiling

ACEC Vice President for Transportation Programs Matt Reiffer previewed the critical week ahead in Washington on the ACEC Government Affairs Update podcast. Congress is facing numerous deadlines and the clock is ticking. Will there be a vote on infrastructure on Monday? Can an agreement on reconciliation be reached? What about the debt limit and the Continuing Resolution? What is the status of the PPP/FAR Credit Clause waiver?



Click [here](#) to listen to the program.

Missouri Clean Water Commission Notice of Open Meeting



The Missouri Clean Water Commission will meet at **10:00 AM** on **October 29, 2021**, at the Lewis and Clark State Office Building, LaCharrette/Nightingale conference rooms, 1101 Riverside Drive, Jefferson City, MO, with a Webex option being offered. Information on how to join the meeting remotely is listed below.

[Join Webex Meeting](#)

Enter the event password: CWC
Click "Join Now".

Follow the instructions that appear on your screen to join the teleconference.

-or-

Call-in toll number (US/Canada): 1-650-479-3207
Access code: 2467 021 1082
Meeting Password: CWC

People with disabilities requiring special services or accommodations to attend the meeting may make arrangements by calling the commission's secretary at 573-751-6721 or 800-361-4827. They also may write two weeks in advance of the meeting to the following address: Department of Natural Resources, Missouri Clean Water Commission, Attn: Krista Welschmeyer, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Hearing impaired individuals may contact the program through Relay Missouri at 1-800-735-2966.

Predicting the Return to the Office

by Cushman & Wakefield

The rise of the Delta variant has increased uncertainty and pushed back return-to-office plans for some occupiers. This global Cushman & Wakefield report provides insight into the factors impacting occupier and employee decisions along with a potential trajectory of when employees will return to the office in each global region. Many companies had been planning on a broad return to the office this summer and fall before the rise of the Delta variant. The increases in cases in many parts of the world have caused a significant, if temporary, postponement of those plans, as occupiers await declines in virus cases and/or continued progress towards herd resiliency through adequate vaccination rates. With vaccine rates continuing to climb, and the Delta variant expected to peak in October 2021, we believe this is an important time to take stock of global and regional trends relating to the return of employees to the office, including:



- The "current state" of office usage
- The trajectory of the virus and vaccination efforts
- Forecast scenarios for when businesses may return to office

In this latest report, the first of a new three-part Return to Office series, we look at progress [...] Click [here](#) to read the full article and to download the full report.

MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR

2022 ACEC/MO EEA Project Competition - Entries Due October 25th



It's time again for our annual project competition! You can begin planning to submit your project entry for the ACEC/MO 2022 Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) Competition. The deadline is **Monday, October 25, 2021**

for the project entries to be submitted. All project entries must be submitted through ACEC/MO's online [EEA portal](#). Check it out!! You will submit your project entry online. The only items you must submit to the ACEC/MO office is a USB flash drive with all the materials you submitted online and your entry fee.

The Engineering Excellence Committee met on August 27th to begin the process of confirming judges and those names will be posted on our website along with other pertinent information. Below are important dates for the competition so please be sure to put them on your calendar.

If you wish to print out the Call for Entries that includes the rules, please go to our [website](#). You can also click on a link from that same page to submit your project entries or click on the link above.

Important EEA Dates:

October 25, 2021

ACEC/MO EEA Project Entry Deadline

February 18-20, 2022

ACEC EEA Judging in Washington, DC

November 17, 2021

ACEC/MO Virtual EEA Judging

February 26, 2022

ACEC/MO Awards Banquet in Kansas City

January 7, 2022

ACEC National EEA Project Entry Deadline

May 24, 2022

ACEC EEA Presentations and Gala Awards Program in Washington, DC

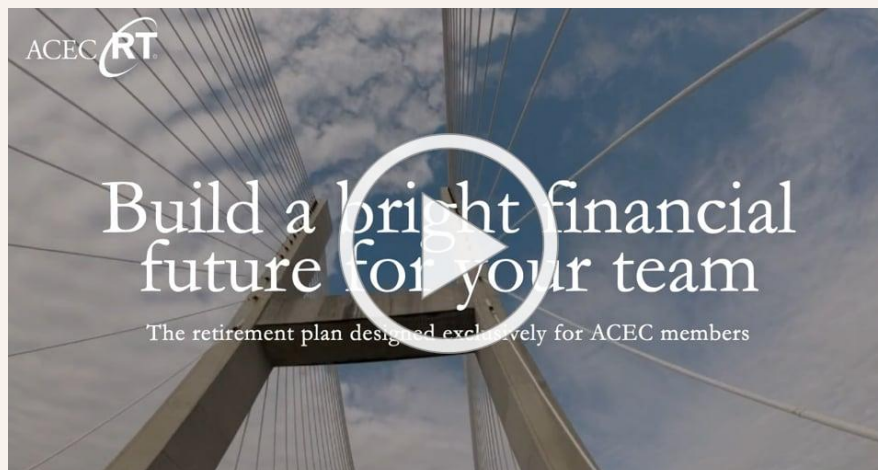
ACEC/MO Seeking Life Member Nominations

ACEC/MO seeks to recognize past member firm representatives who have given extraordinary service to ACEC/MO and have retired from active practice. Your help as a current member firm representative is needed to identify former members of your firm who may meet the criteria for Life Membership.

Nominations are due by **October 29, 2021**. They can be mailed or emailed to ACEC/MO as indicated on the form. A listing of current life members is listed on our [website](#) along with a link to the nomination form. If you have any questions, please contact the ACEC/MO office.

ACEC Retirement Plan Exclusively for ACEC/MO Members

ACEC/MO members have the opportunity to join the ACEC Retirement Trust, which assumes the majority of the fiduciary risk and saves employees substantial expense thanks to huge buying power. By joining ACEC RT, your 401(k) plan can be as excellent as your engineering. To learn more information, click on the video below.



More Member Renewals and PAC Contributions

Thank you to the following member firms that have renewed their membership, as well as member firms and individuals that have sent in PAC contributions for both state and national since our weekly update. To see a complete list of state and national PAC contributions, go to ACEC/MO's [website](#). Your support allows us to remain committed to you as the business voice of the Missouri engineering industry.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:

Barr Engineering Company • CDG Engineers • Cole & Associates, Inc. • Farnsworth Group, Inc. • RJN Group, Inc. • Tetra Tech, Inc. • Thompson Design Consultants, P.C.

STATE PAC CONTRIBUTIONS:

Members Firms: Farnsworth Group, Inc.

Member Representatives: Douglas E. Bonner • Greg O'Connor • Donald Wichern

NATIONAL PAC CONTRIBUTIONS:

Kristen Leathers-Gratton

Calendar of Events

October 25, 2021 -- ACEC/MO EEA Project Entry Deadline

October 27-30, 2021 -- ACEC Fall Conference, Marco Island, FL

November 11-12, 2021 -- ACEC/MO Fall Meeting, Columbia

November 17, 2021 -- ACEC/MO EEA Project Entry Judging

February 25-26, 2022 -- ACEC/MO Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet, Kansas City

May 2, 2022 - ACEC/MO 1st Annual PAC Golf Tournament, Porta Cima

June 8-13, 2022 - ACEC Midwest States Conference, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands



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