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# Newsletter

ACEC/MO Newsletter - November 16, 2023

**Welcome to ACEC/MO's 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 often for more updates.*

Items included in this ACEC/MO Newsletter are listed below.

- **Past & Upcoming Events** (*ACEC/MO Fall Meeting & 2nd Annual ACEC/PAC Sporting Clays Tournament Highlights; Registration is Now Open for ACEC/MO's 2024 Future Leaders Academy; Save the Date for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet on February 29-March 1, 2024*)
- **Liaison Committee News** (*Facilities Management, Design & Construction Liaison Committee Meeting; MoDOT Consultant Advisory Committee Meeting; Missouri Department of Transportation (St. Louis District) Liaison Committee Meeting; Missouri Department of Transportation (Southwest District) Liaison Committee Meeting; Missouri Department of Transportation (Northwest District) Liaison Committee Meeting; SAVE Coalition Committee Meeting*)
- **Industry News** (*Agrichemical Facilities (MO-R240000) Master General Permit; November ACEC Market Insights: What's Driving the Industry*)
- **Member Information & Calendar** (*13 Projects Entered in ACEC/MO's EEA Project Competition; Request for QBS Nominations; More Member Renewals for 2023-2024; ACEC/MO Members Help Us Reach Our National PAC Goal; Member News; Calendar of Events*)

If there is something you would like us to include in the newsletter, or if you need anything else, please contact the ACEC/MO staff: [Morgan Mundell](#) or [Dawn \(Hill\) Danison](#).

## INDUSTRY NEWS



Water Protection  
Program

### **Agrichemical Facilities (MO-R240000) Master General Permit**

The Department of Natural Resources will be holding a public informational meeting regarding the reissuance of the Master General Permit MO-G240 for Agrichemical Facilities. This meeting will be an opportunity to solicit input from attendees on the current draft. A draft of the next permit will not be available at the time of the meeting. The Department will consider input gathered during this meeting and incorporate changes based on comments received. The current permit is available here:

<https://dnr.mo.gov/water/business-industry-other-entities/permits-certification-engineering-fees/stormwater/agrichemical-facilities-mo-r240000>.

The meeting will be held at **10:00 a.m., December 1, 2023**, online via WebEx. To attend, follow this link at the time of the

## PAST & UPCOMING EVENTS

### **ACEC/MO Fall Meeting & 2nd Annual ACEC/PAC Sporting Clays Tournament Highlights**

We had a record turnout for ACEC/MO's Fall Meeting & 2nd Annual ACEC/PAC Sporting Clays Tournament on November 2-3, 2023, in Columbia, MO. Below are some photo highlights from the meeting

and tournament. We want to take this time to again thank the below sponsors for helping make the meeting such a big success. THANK YOU!!

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ACEC/MO held its 2nd Annual Sporting Clays Tournament benefiting ACEC/PAC, which helped us reach our ACEC/PAC goal this year.



ACEC/MO Governmental Affairs Committee members met and discussed the 2024 Policy Priorities and Engineer's Day at the Capitol. They also had Mark Rhoads, The Rhoads Company & ACEC/MO Lobbyist, as a guest speaker and he gave a legislative overview.



ACEC/MO Environmental Committee members met and discussed MDNR PFAS Work Group, sub-committee reports, legislative concerns, liaison committee updates, and the next meeting.

meeting:

<https://stateofmo.webex.com/stat eofmo/j.php?MTID=m8ea57f31e9587a6e0ff65a34bf1383f6>.

If you have any other questions regarding this meeting, contact the Department by email at [dnr.generalpermits@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:dnr.generalpermits@dnr.mo.gov) or by phone at 573-751-8049. The current MO-G240 permit will expire April 30, 2024.

## November ACEC Market Insights: What's Driving the Industry

Recently, the US Census released the results of its monthly [Value of Construction Put in Place Survey](#). The survey provides estimates of the total dollar value of construction work done in the U.S. This data includes design and construction spending for public and private projects.

With an estimate of \$1.996 trillion (seasonally adjusted) for the month of September 2023, this is the 9th consecutive month where construction spending rose, beginning the trend in December 2022.

Total Construction spending growth continues to be strong. Nominal values are still at all-time highs with 8.7% growth (seasonally adjusted).

- Month-over-month growth is 0.4%, a slight decrease from last month's 0.5%.
- Spending growth continues to vary by project classification, with Private Residential spending seeing largest year-over-year (YOY) declines (-2.1%) and Private Manufacturing growth at 61.9% YOY.
- Year-to-date spending growth on Public



ACEC/MO Transportation Committee members met and discussed MFTI & legislative update, I-44 RFQ, On-Call Readvertisement, Construction Services Liaison Committee, MHTC Commissioner term expirations, Upcoming MoDOT Retirements, Traffic Control Sub Requirements, and liaison committee reports. They also had Eric Kopinski, Improve I-70 Director, MoDOT as a guest speaker.



Members had a fun time during a reception and dinner at Les Bourgeois Vineyard. Gary Raba, ACEC Chair-Elect, joined us and updated members on what's going on at ACEC.



Karen Shannon, Ollis/Akers/Arney Insurance & Business Advisors, gave a presentation on HR Hot Topics.



Judy Kempker, Executive Director, MoAPEPLSPLA, gave an update on the Board and trends in engineering licensure.

Construction projects is significantly higher at 13.5% compared to Private Construction at 2.4%.

Nonresidential spending continues to have larger share of total construction spending [...] To read the full article, [click here](#).

## MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR



### 13 Projects Entered in ACEC/MO's EEA Project Competition

Engineering firms across the state entered 13 projects in ACEC/MO's Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) Project Competition. The project entries will be judged on November 17, 2024, by a superb panel of judges. The winning project entries will be announced on February 29, 2024, during our Awards Banquet at the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark in St. Louis, MO. Below is a list of the project entries.

#### - Engineering Excellence Awards Project Entries -

#### Category A: Studies, Research and Consulting Engineering Services

**Lochmueller Group, Inc. -**  
Project: Stormwater Master Plan  
**TREKK Design Group, LLC -**  
Project: Distribution Manhole Inspection Program

#### Category B: Building / Technology Systems

**IMEG -** Project: Missouri Botanical Garden Jack C. Taylor Visitor Center



ACEC/MO members met during our quarterly Board of Directors / Membership Meeting to discuss important items of interest.



## Registration is Now Open for ACEC/MO's 2024 Future Leaders Academy

Does your firm have a candidate for ACEC/MO's 2024 Future Leaders Academy (FLA)? Registration for the FLA program is now open. The dates for the 2024 FLA program are set for May 22-23 in Kansas City; June 5-6 in St. Charles; July 16-17 in Columbia; and August 21-23 in Osage Beach.

The FLA is an extensive leadership program for young leaders in private consulting firms committed to developing their leadership abilities. The program is most beneficial to those participants with approximately 8-15 years of industry experience. These highly interactive sessions are taught by experts in the field of business administration and people management in professional service firms.

Registration information is posted on our [website](#). To register for the 2024 FLA Program, [click here](#). We only have 20 spots available and already have 13 spots filled. If you want a spot in the 2024 class, please send in your registration form or contact the ACEC/MO office at 573-634-4080 or email [DawnHill@acecmo.org](mailto:DawnHill@acecmo.org) to hold a spot for your firm.



## Save the Date for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet on February 29-March 1, 2024

Make plans now to attend ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet scheduled for **February 29-March 1, 2024**, at the **Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark** in St. Louis. Listed below is a draft agenda for

### Category C: Structural Systems

**Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.** - Project: MacArthur Bridge Approach West Span Replacement

### Category D: Surveying / Mapping Technology

**ABNA Engineering, Inc.** - Project: Forest Park Waterways Bathymetric Survey

### Category H: Transportation

**Burns & McDonnell** - Project: STL Fuel New Fuel Storage and Demo of Existing Storage  
**GBA** - Project: Route 171 Intersection Safety Improvements  
**Lochmueller Group, Inc.** - Project: Centennial Greenway: Christy Drive to Schaefer Park  
**TREKK Design Group, LLC** - Project: I-49 Outer Road Conversion Design-Build  
**TWM, Inc.** - Project: Route 100 (Manchester Road) Rehabilitation

### Category I: Special Projects

**HR Green, Inc.** - Project: Route 94/Route 364/Muegge Road Interchange Project Management Consultant (PMC)  
**Olsson, Inc.** - Project: MSU Grand Avenue Pedestrian Underpass

### Category K: Energy

**Burns & McDonnell** - Project: Ameren Missouri Community Solar Project - Montgomery County

## QBS NOMINTIONS WANTED

### Request for QBS Nominations

The ACEC/MO QBS Award was established to recognize outstanding support of the Qualifications-Based Selection procedures. The contributions can be made in many forms but must embody a commitment to and support and promotion of QBS. ACEC/MO gives an annual award

the meeting. We'll send out registration information as soon as we have all the details finalized.

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** The meeting will be held at the Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark, 1 South Broadway, St. Louis, MO 63102. We have a block of sleeping rooms set up at a rate of \$199.00. To make your sleeping room reservation, call (314) 421-1776 or 800-581-7151 and give them the code of "ACEC" to book your room. Our block of rooms will be held until Friday, February 1, 2024, so please reserve your room by that date.

#### - TENTATIVE AGENDA -

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

10:15 AM - Environmental Committee Meeting  
10:15 AM - Transportation Committee Meeting  
12:00 PM - Luncheon / QBS Awards / Speaker  
1:15 PM - CEO Roundtable (Small/Medium Firms & Medium/Large Firms)  
6:00 PM - Awards Reception & Banquet (to include entertainment)

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024

8:00 AM - Breakfast / Speaker  
9:15 AM - Business Practice Seminar  
11:00 AM - Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

## LIAISON COMMITTEE NEWS



OFFICE of ADMINISTRATION  
Facilities Management, Design & Construction

### Facilities Management, Design & Construction Liaison Committee Meeting

The Division of Facilities Management, Design & Construction / ACECMO / AIA Liaison Committee met on October 12, 2023. Committee members in attendance were Tom Cissell, Trey Coad, Bruce Dawson, Dennis Heckman, Alicia Kamischke, John Neyens, and Dick Scott. Items discussed during the meeting included:

- FMDC Staff Changes
- ARPA Project Designer Selection Updates
- Future Appropriations and Funding
- Designer/FMDC Roundtable Discussion
- Discuss Ways to Improve Design Quality
- A/E RFP's and Scope Definition in General
- Design/Build CM at Risk Legislation that September 1, 2026 - Feedback on Removing the Sunset Provision
- Performance Contracting Concerns.

The next meeting will be scheduled for some time in early 2024. 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](#).

in the categories of government and non-government. If you work with a public or private client that uses or has converted to the QBS method, go to [ACEC/MO's website](#) for a nomination form if you want to submit them for an award. The deadline to submit a nomination form is **December 29, 2023**. The award will be given at ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting on February 29, 2024, in St. Louis.

THANK YOU!

### More Member Renewals for 2023-2024

Thank you to the following member firms and associate members that have renewed since we sent our last newsletter. Thank you for your membership renewal and your investment in ACEC/MO for the 2023-2024 year. Your support allows us to remain committed to you as the business voice of the engineering industry.

#### MEMBER FIRMS:

Barry-Wehmiller Design Group, Inc. • CDM Smith • Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers, P.A. • GeoEngineers, Inc. • Jacobs • TDC Structural Engineers

#### ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

Delta Companies, Inc.

THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

### ACEC/MO Members Help Us Reach Our National PAC Goal

We want to thank the ACEC/MO members who contributed to the ACEC National PAC. On October 11, 2023, we met and exceeded our goal. We were recognized at the ACEC Fall Conference in October as



## MoDOT Consultant Advisory Committee Meeting

The MoDOT / ACECMO Consultant Advisory Committee met on October 5, 2023. Committee members in attendance were Mike DeBacker, Buddy Desai, Bob Gilbert, Steve Hicks, Chris Linneman, and Kevin Wallace. Items discussed during the meeting included:

- MoDOT Consultant On-Call 2nd Solicitation
- Consultant Pre-Qualifications
- Project Scheduling
- Safety Clauses in Consultant Contracts
- Consultant Key Personnel in LOI
- Scope of Services Consistency Across the State
- Consultant Fees - Timeline to Receive
- Timely Payment of Invoices
- Staffing to Address I-70 Work
- Insurance
- Discuss Initiative for this Committee to Pursue

The next meeting will be scheduled for some time in December or January. 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](#).



## Missouri Department of Transportation (St. Louis District) Liaison Committee Meeting

The Missouri Department of Transportation (St. Louis District) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on October 10, 2023. Committee members in attendance were Mike Erdtmann, Howard Gotschall, Linda Moen, J.C. Murray, Scott Smith, Kandi Spraggs, Amy Touchette-Brown, Joel Weinhold, and Todd Welz. Items discussed during the meeting included:

- MoDOT Staff Changes Since Last Meeting
- Tom Evers Update
- Consultant Update
- SL Design Update
- Major Project Update
- Other/Next Meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2024. 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](#).

already having reached our goal, which is the first time we've reached it this early. Below is a list of members that have contributed to ACEC/PAC. Thank you for your support!!

### CONTRIBUTORS:

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### MEMBER NEWS

## Member News

**Horner & Shifrin, Inc.** is proud to announce that VP, Business Unit Leader - Civil/Site, **April Giesmann, PE, CFM**, was



### Missouri Department of Transportation (Southwest District) Liaison Committee Meeting

The Missouri Department of Transportation (Southwest District) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on October 16, 2023. Committee members in attendance were Becky Baltz, Nick Correnti, Bob Gilbert, Jason Haynes, Holly Lehmkuhl, Steve Prange, and Chris Tepen. Items discussed during the meeting included:

- MoDOT Leadership Updates / Key Initiatives
- District Updates / Staffing Changes
- Trends in Recent Solicitations
- Feedback on the STIP Update Process Utilizing Consultants
- Upcoming Planning/Scoping Items
- Future Design-Build Projects
- Latest Information on I-44
- Consultant Deliverables - Quality or Areas of Improvement
- Other Discussion Items.

The next meeting will be held some time in March 2024. 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](#).



### Missouri Department of Transportation (Northwest District) Liaison Committee Meeting

The Missouri Department of Transportation (Northwest District) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on October 18, 2023. Committee members in attendance were Ozzy Bravo, Matt Johnson, Mike McKenna, Scott McDonald, and Matt Spencer. Items discussed during the meeting included:

- Assistant District Engineer Comments
- General District/Project Updates
- STIP/Unfunded Needs Updates
- Upcoming Consultant Projects (6 Month Outlook, Alternative Delivery, On-Call, etc.).

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 21, 2024. 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](#).

### SAVE Coalition Committee Meeting

The Missouri SAVE Coalition Committee met on September 29, 2023. Items discussed during the meeting included:

awarded the American Public Works Association Public Works Leader of the Year (Private Sector), and she was recognized as the outgoing past president, concluding a decade of consecutive service to the Branch and Chapter. Also, they congratulate Marketing Director, **Courtney Dickerson**, as she takes on her role as the SMPS St. Louis Chapter incoming President for the 2023-2024 Board Year.

**Lochmueller Group** is pleased to announce that **Fasil Sagir, PE**, received the Professional Engineer (PE) certification.

### Calendar of Events

#### 2023

**November 17** - ACEC/MO EEA Judging

#### 2024

**January 31** - Engineers Day at the Capitol, Jefferson City

**February 29-March 1** - ACEC/MO Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet, St. Louis

**May 6** - 3rd Annual ACECMO/PAC Golf Tournament, Sunrise Beach

**May 22-23** - *Future Leaders Academy, Kansas City*

**June 5-6** - *Future Leaders Academy, St. Charles*

**June 12-14** - ACEC Midwest States Conference, Kansas City

**July 16-17** - *Future Leaders Academy, Columbia*

**August 21-23** - *Future Leaders Academy, Osage Beach*

**August 21-23** - ACEC/MO Summer Meeting & ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament, Osage Beach

**November 7-8** - ACEC/MO Fall Mtg. & 3rd Annual Sporting Clays Tournament, Columbia

#### 2025

**February 27-28** - ACEC/MO Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet, Kansas City

**June 4-6** - ACEC Midwest States Conference - Location TBD

- Previous Meeting Minutes
- Board Appointments
- Training Updates
- Seismic Safety Commission
- CUSEC Update
- Trimming Membership Rolls
- Tennessee Building Evaluation Exercise
- Drone Deployment.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2024. 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](#).

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

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