



ACEC/MO Newsletter - September 15, 2023

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- **Upcoming Events** (*Register Now for ACEC/MO's Fall Meeting & 2nd Annual ACEC/PAC Sporting Clays Tournament on November 2-3*)
- **Industry News** (*ACEC R&D Amortization Update; Domestic Treatment Works Discharging \leq 50,000 Gallons Per Day (MO-GD00000) Master General Permit; ACEC Research Institute's Q3 Sentiment Study Shows Continued High Industry Optimism*)
- **Liaison Committee News** (*Missouri Department of Natural Resources Liaison Committee Meeting; Missouri Department of Transportation (Headquarters) Liaison Committee Meeting*)
- **Member Information & Calendar** (*Submit Your Project Entries Now in the ACEC/MO EEA Project Competition; ACEC/MO Online Member Map; Member Renewals for 2023-2024; Calendar of Events; Member News*)

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](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS



Register Now for ACEC/MO's Fall Meeting & 2nd Annual ACEC/PAC Sporting Clays Tournament on November 2-3

Register now for ACEC/MO's Fall Meeting & 2nd Annual ACEC/PAC Sporting Clays Tournament on **November 2-3, 2023**, in **Columbia**,

This newsletter will provide an update on our organization. Check your email often for more updates.

MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR



Submit Your Project Entries Now in the ACEC/MO EEA Project Competition

It's time to begin planning for ACEC/MO's annual Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) Project Competition. The deadline to submit project entries is **Tuesday, October 24, 2023**, and they must be submitted through the ACEC/MO online [EEA portal](#). The only items you must submit to the ACEC/MO office are a USB flash drive with all the materials you submitted online, and your project entry fee.

Information on submitting your project entries is posted on [If you want to print out the Call for Entries](#), which includes the rules for the competition, go to the ACEC/MO [website](#). You can also click on a link from that same page to submit your project entries or click on the link above.

MO. Below is a brief agenda for the meeting but the full schedule of events is posted on [ACEC/MO's website](#). To register for the Fall Meeting, [click here](#). To register for the 2nd Annual ACEC/PAC Sporting Clays Tournament, [click here](#).

Thursday, November 2, 2023

9:15 AM - Registration for ACEC/PAC Sporting Clays Tournament
9:30 AM - Sporting Clays Tournament
1:30-2:30 PM - Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting
2:30-4:30 PM - Environmental Committee Meeting
2:30-4:30 PM - Transportation Committee Meeting
5:00-6:00 PM - Networking Reception at hotel
6:30-8:30 PM - Networking & Dinner at Les Bourgeois Vineyards
(*Speaker: Gary Raba, ACEC Chair-Elect*)

Friday, November 3, 2023

8:00-9:00 AM - Breakfast Program
9:00-10:00 AM - HR Hot Topics Program (*Speaker: Karen Shannon, Ollis/Akers/Arney Insurance & Business Advisors*)
10:00-10:30 AM - Trends in Engineering Licensing Program
(*Speaker: Judy Kempker, Executive Director, MoAPEPLSPLA*)
10:45 AM-12:00 PM - Board of Directors / Membership Meeting

SPONSORS

Below is a list of the sponsors so far for the meeting and sporting clays tournament. THANK YOU TO ALL OUR SPONSORS!!

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INDUSTRY NEWS

ACEC R&D Amortization Update

We are pleased to tell you that the cosponsor list for H.R. 2673, the bipartisan House legislation to repeal the R&D amortization requirement, is growing. The new cosponsors are:

- Rep. Kevin Kiley (R-CA)
- Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez (D-MI)
- Rep. Thomas Kean (R-NJ)
- Rep. Christopher Deluzio (D-PA)
- Rep. Nick LaLota (R-NY)
- Rep. Patrick Ryan (D-NY)
- Rep. John Duarte (R-CA)
- Rep. Marilyn Strickland (D-WA)

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing outreach to Members of Congress on this important issue. ACEC is in the process of updating

Important EEA Dates:

Oct. 24 - ACEC/MO EEA Project Entry Deadline
Nov. 17 - ACEC/MO EEA Judging
Jan. 5 - ACEC National EEA Project Entry Deadline
Feb. 16-18 - ACEC National EEA Judging in Chantilly, VA
Feb. 29 - ACEC/MO Awards Reception & Banquet in St. Louis
May 15 - ACEC National EEA Gala in Washington, D.C.

ACEC/MO Online Member Map

ACEC/MO is collecting information to build an online map of Missouri and ACEC/MO member locations. This map will be embedded on the ACEC/MO website and will be used to help individuals find engineering companies when they call the office.

We currently have 87 responses. If you would like your offices to be included, please [click this link](#) for the form to submit your information. Please fill out the form once for each office location you would like included.

To view the current draft of the map or to check if your company has submitted its information, please [click here](#).

THANK YOU!

Member Renewals for 2023-2024

Thank you to the following member firms and associate members that have renewed since we sent our dues billing out in early July. Thank you for your recent membership renewal and your investment in ACEC/MO for the 2023-2024

their action alert to stress the urgency of fixing R&D amortization in 2023 and we will circulate that to you soon. In case you have outreach opportunities before then, [click here](#) to review the sample letter previously circulated.

We also want to let you know that ACEC will host a roundtable discussion on R&D amortization that's open to any interested ACEC member. The roundtable will take place on **Wednesday, September 27 from 2-3 pm ET** and can be accessed [here](#) (you shouldn't need the passcode, but just in case it's 387710). ACEC will provide a legislative update and several CPAs who are ACEC affiliate members will review [Notice 2023-63](#), the IRS guidance on R&D amortization that was released earlier this week.



Water Protection Program

Domestic Treatment Works Discharging \leq 50,000 Gallons Per Day (MO-GD00000) Master General Permit

The Department of Natural Resources will be holding a public informational meeting regarding the reissuance of and potential changes to the Master General Permit MO-GD for Domestic Treatment Works Discharging \leq 50,000 Gallons Per Day. This meeting will solicit input from the attendees regarding needed or requested improvement on the existing permit for the upcoming permit renewal. A draft of the next permit will not yet be available at the time of the meeting, as the permit writer intends to consider 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/wastewater/non-publically-owned-treatment-works-potw-discharging-50000-gallons-day-mo-gd00000>.

The meeting will be held at 1:00-3:00 p.m., November 2, at the Lewis and Clark State Office Building in Jefferson City and online via WebEx. To attend, follow this link at the time of the meeting: <https://stateofmo.webex.com/stateofmo/j.php?MTID=md65a65eb70aad5aec5879c0eddfad2e4>.

If you have any other questions regarding this meeting, please contact the Department by email at dnr.generalpermits@dnr.mo.gov or by phone at 573-751-8049. The current MO-GD permit will expire June 30, 2024.

ACEC Research Institute's Q3 Sentiment Study Shows Continued High Industry Optimism

The ACEC Research Institute released this week the results of its [Q3 2023 Engineering Business Sentiment Study](#). The Report showed continued high optimism for the industry across most market sectors,

year. Your support allows us to remain committed to you as the business voice of the engineering industry.

MEMBER FIRMS:

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namely Roads and Bridges and Water/Wastewater. It also showed much-improved optimism for the U.S. economy as a whole.

The results were unveiled in a [Future](#) of Engineering Roundtable hosted by Institute Executive Director Daphne Bryant, ACEC Director of Private Markets and Economics Thomas Grogan, and Senior Research Consultant Joe Bates, who conducted the Study. Bates pointed to the overall robust health of the A/E industry, showing a graph charting almost universal YOY increases in revenue. "We're seeing really, really healthy growth. Ever since we took a little dip during the pandemic, it's been all roses since then. We continue to hit new highs in terms of overall A/E revenue," he said.

With those metrics, Bates continued, the overall bullish sentiment throughout our industry is not surprising. He noted that net ratings for both the state of the industry as well as those of respondents' individual firms have consistently hovered between the high +70s and high +80s, on a scale of +100. "You can't get much better than that," Bates concluded.

Of note in the Study is the greatly improved optimism about the overall economy, which was addressed by Grogan, who pointed to historically low unemployment rates and lessened fears of inflation as drivers behind that improved outlook. [...]

[Click here](#) to read the full article.

LIAISON COMMITTEE NEWS



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Missouri Department of Natural Resources Liaison Committee Meeting

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources / ACECMO Liaison Committee met virtually on July 26, 2023. Committee members in attendance were Elke Boyd, Tom Gredell, Steve Hicks, Maria King, Tony O'Malley, and Karen Rieken. Items discussed during the meeting included:

- Update on PFAS
- Lead & Copper Update
- MDNR Regulatory Update
- WOTUS Rule
- MCL Vinyl Chloride
- Nutrient Reduction Implementation in NPDES Permits
- Update on Solid Waste
- Update on Energy Issues
- SRF Funding Update.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2023, and will be held at MDNR and virtually. To see the complete minutes from this

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ACEC Life/Health Insurance Trust • Anders CPAs + Advisors • CLAES/Moss Parker • Holmes Murphy & Associates • HR Quadri Contractors, LLC • Missouri Asphalt Pavement Association • N.B. West Contracting Company, Inc. • Ollis/Akers/Arney Insurance & Business Advisors • RubinBrown, LLP • Seiler Instrument Company

Calendar of Events

2023

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

October 24 - ACEC/MO EEA Competition Entry Deadline

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

November 2-3 - ACEC/MO Fall Mtg., Columbia

November 17 - ACEC/MO EEA Judging

2024

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

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



Missouri Department of Transportation

Missouri Department of Transportation (Headquarters) Liaison Committee Meeting

The Missouri Department of Transportation (Headquarters) / ACECMO Liaison Committee met virtually on August 17, 2023. Committee members in attendance were Buddy Desai, Dave Diestelkamp, Kevin Fuller, Vicki LaRose, Chris Linneman, Anne Schroer, Kevin Wallace, Frank Weatherford, and Srinu Yanamanamanda. Items discussed during the meeting included:

- MoDOT Staff Changes
- KC Inspection Services Pilot
- Standard Contract Revisions
- MoDOT Project Scheduling Update
- Construction Lettings / Inflation Update
- MoDOT On-Call Update
- MoDOT Consultant Services Contract Reviews
- Updated MoDOT Consultant Services 6-Month Outlook
- MoDOT FY Invoicing Deadline
- New 5-Year STIP Approval - Summary
- Lump Sum Contracts
- MOU Limit Increase
- LPA MOU Limit Increases
- Progressive Design-Build for I-70 Projects
- Update on I-70 and Opportunities for Consultants to Help
- Changes in Consultant Insurance Requirements
- How is MoDOT Looking at Firm Capacity / Workload in Selections.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2023, at MoDOT. 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](#).

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

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

**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**

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

MEMBER NEWS

Member News

Klingner & Associates, P.C. is pleased to announce that **Matthew Suhadolc, P.E.**, has earned his professional engineer licensure in Kansas. He already holds additional professional licensure in Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri.

*Change of address, email, or any information? You will need to login to your profile in our member portal through our website. **Your username is dawnhill@acecmo.org.***