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

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- **Member Information & Calendar** (*Member Renewals for 2021-2022; State and National PAC Contributions Recognized; Member News; 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!

INDUSTRY NEWS

ACEC Engineering Influence Podcasts

On the August 26th *Private Markets Update* podcast, AIA Chief Economist Kermit Baker and ACEC Vice President for Private Markets Resources Erin McLaughlin discuss the Architecture Billings Index (ABI) and his forecast for the design services industry. Click [here](#) to listen to the podcast episode. For more market information, the ACEC Research Institute has released two economic forecasts for the engineering industry:

- [2021-2025 Engineering Industry Forecast](#)
- [2021-26 Engineering Industry Outlook Special Report: Infrastructure Scenarios & Their Impact on Engineering and Design Services.](#)

On the August 27th *ACEC Government Affairs Update* podcast, ACEC Senior Vice President for Advocacy Steve Hall talks about the path forward for infrastructure legislation and a fix for the PPP/FAR credits clause. Click [here](#) to listen to the episode.



Missouri Water Protection Forum Meeting Announcement and Lunch Order



The next Missouri Water Protection Forum meeting is scheduled to begin at **10:00 AM** on **September 15, 2021**, at the Lewis and Clark State Office Building, 1101 Riverside Drive, Jefferson City, MO and via Webex. The agenda for this meeting can be found [here](#).

[Join with Webex](#)

Meeting access code: 1772 38 4459

Meeting password: Forum

Join by phone at 1-650-479-3207

For those attending in person, boxed lunches will be ordered from McAlister's Deli. Each box lunch includes your choice of side, a cookie, a pickle, utensils, and a bottle of water at the cost of \$12 per person. The choices that are available are:

1. Harvest Chicken Salad Sandwich – Dressed with leaf lettuce and tomatoes, on a croissant. *This product contains pecans.
2. Club Sandwich Box – Choose from one of McAlister's signature Club sandwiches:
 - McAlister's Club
 - Orange Cranberry Club
 - Club Wrap
 - Veggie Wrap
 - Black Angus Club
 - Cobb Club
 - Grilled Chicken Club or Turkey Croissant
3. Traditional – Choice of Black Angus roast beef, Black Forest ham, or Butterball smoked turkey on your choice of bread, with lettuce and tomatoes.
4. The Veggie – Swiss, lettuce, tomatoes, cucumbers, and house roasted multicolored peppers on a pita, served with Ranch dressing.
5. Tuna Salad Sandwich – Dressed with leaf lettuce and tomatoes, on a croissant.
6. The Memphian – Black Angus roast beef, Black Forest ham, Butterball smoked turkey, provolone, lettuce, tomatoes, mayo and spicy brown mustard on a 6" multigrain baguette.
7. Wrap Box – Choose from one of McAlister's signature wraps:
 - Chicken Caesar
 - Turkey Bacon Ranch
 - Veggie
 - Southwest Chicken

SIDES: Chips, Potato Salad, Fruit Cup, Coleslaw, or Applesauce

In order to give McAlister's Deli adequate notice, please respond to Krista Welschmeyer at krista.welschmeyer@dnr.mo.gov by September 9, 2021. The money for the lunches will need to be collected at the door the morning of the meeting by 10:30 a.m. We will be unable to make change, so please have the exact amount. (No checks please.) Thank you.

New RFPs/RFQs Posted on ACEC/MO Website

The ACEC/MO website has been updated to include new RFPs/RFQs we recently received from MoDOT. To see the new RFPs/RFQs recently posted, please go to our [website](#). We try to update information posted on our website weekly, so please check it often.



Three Reasons the Office Boosts Energy

by Bryan Berthold, Cushman & Wakefield

No matter where they're working, employees report their energy is flagging. Fortunately, you can give them a boost. The latest insight from our employee experience data shows that people coming into the office three days a week or more have the highest energy. Those with the lowest frequency of office attendance have the lowest energy. The reasons for the in-office energy upswing seem to be associated with better work-life balance, higher levels of inspiration, and the ability to get time away from work. Leaders are tired of this too.

Even as data shows being back in the office has positive effects, leaders are struggling with the best way to bring people back. Mandate or choice? Carrot or stick? XSF can help with specific insights for your organization. With more than 90,000 global participants contributing 4.5 million data points since the pandemic began, XSF data gives you the insight and context to make better workplace decisions. [...] To read the full article and to see their infographic, click [here](#).



PAST / UPCOMING EVENTS

Highlights from ACEC/MO Summer Meeting & 5th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament

We recently held ACEC/MO's Summer Meeting and 5th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament on August 26-27 in Osage Beach and it was a huge success. We had a record number of golfers for our annual ACEC/PAC golf tournament. For the Summer Meeting, we had committee meetings along with our quarterly board of directors / membership meeting, and also had Ray McCarty, Associated Industries of Missouri and Representative Becky Ruth as guest speakers. Below are some highlighted photos from the tournament and meeting.



L to r: Kevin Kriete, Joe Drimmel and Jason Haynes.



L to r: Gary Strack, Chris Burns, Mike Odrowski and Dave Kocour.



L to r: Jay Rakers, Steve Wells and Kevin Fuller.



L to r: Steve Donahue, Pam Hobbs, Dave Maxwell and Mike Erdtmann.



L to r: Marc Alper, Jeff Connelly, Todd Welz and Steve Hicks.



L to r: Bob Staed, Joe Hagerty, Darrell Eilers and J.R. Landeck.



L to r: Jeff Jobe, Justin Davis, Paul Plotas and Kevin Eisenbeis.



L to r: Kimberly Robinett, Trent Robinett, Chad Willey and Matt Davis.



Holmes Murphy & Associates was a hole sponsor for the golf tournament.



First Place Team - (l to r): Trent Robinett, Kim Robinett, Chad Willey and Matt Davis.



Second Place Team (l to r): Joe Hagerty, J.R. Landeck, and Bob Staed. (Not shown - Darrell Eilers.



Members and spouses got together for a networking reception, dinner and also enjoyed listening to a band.



Finn-Addicts band playing during our networking reception and dinner.



Ray McCarty, Associated Industries of Missouri was our breakfast speaker.



Rep. Becky Ruth, Missouri House of Representatives was our lunch speaker.



Chairman Tim Ross (left) presented Vicki LaRose with a Past Chair plaque.



Rep. Becky Ruth presented Vicki LaRose with a framed version of SB262 signed by Governor Parson.



ACEC/MO Board of Directors / Membership Meeting: Tim Ross, Chairman, led the meeting and discussed important items of interest.

SPONSORS

Please help us thank the below companies for sponsoring our 5th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament and Summer Meeting. They helped make this meeting a huge success.

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Professional Liability Insurance for Engineers - What You Need to Know Webinar



Have you ever wanted to learn the details about insurance from one of the oldest companies in the business? The ACEC Business Insurance Trust (BIT) and a panel of experts from The Hartford are hosting a webinar on [**Professional Liability Insurance for Engineers: What You Need to Know**](#) on **September 8, 2021 at 3:00 PM**. During this one-hour webinar and Q&A session they will cover:

- How Professional Liability insurance meets engineering and design professional needs
- The types of professionals and projects that insurance products typically covers
- Professional Liability coverage components and types of coverage features
- How coverage protects engineering and design firms in the event of a claim
- Product and risk management resources.

Click [here](#) to register for the webinar.

Upcoming ENR Webinars

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

[Worklife in the Remote World: Lasting AEC Changes from the Pandemic](#)

Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 1:00 PM

As the COVID-19 pandemic forced a sudden shift to a remote work environment, industry firms have faced significant new challenges in an industry so dependent on site and other face-to-face interactions. This webinar will look at best practices and innovations adopted in the last year to meet those new demands, and how firms are making technology adaptations and other new approaches permanent. Panelists will share new strategies for project management, client relations, technology commercialization, and overall workforce interaction to gain the most benefit for all.



Aggregating Diverse AEC Data for Better Project Delivery

Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 1:00 PM

AEC project teams create information of many data types, various formats and from a range of applications. HNTB and HDR share how they aggregate this data to improve the way they work internally, while also improving the way they communicate project status with other project stakeholders. During this webinar, these leading firms will share their expertise through specific project examples, showing how GIS, BIM, CAD, LiDAR and other information sources are combined to improve project delivery across design, construction and owner/operator workflows.



MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR

Member Renewals for 2021-2022

Thank you to the following member firms that have renewed since our last weekly update. Thank you for your recent membership renewal and your investment in ACEC/MO for the 2021-2022 year. Your support allows us to remain committed to you as the business voice of the engineering industry.



MEMBER FIRMS:

Affinis Corp. • Alfred Benesch & Company • Bartlett & West, Inc. • Burns & McDonnell • CDG Engineers • Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers, P.A. • Cross Discipline Engineering • Geotechnology, Inc. • GREDELL Engineering Resources, Inc. • Hanson Professional Services Inc. • HDR, Inc. • M3 Engineering Group, P.C. • Palmerton & Parrish, Inc. • Prairie Engineers, P.C. • SCI Engineering, Inc. • TDC Structural Engineers • Tepa Engineering Services • Thompson Civil, LLC • Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen, Inc. • TSi Geotechnical, Inc. • Vecino Design, LLC • Woolpert, Inc.

State and National PAC Contributions Recognized

ACEC/MO and ACEC National have started receiving PAC contributions from members based on emails sent out in July on committee assignments. So far, we've received \$27,364.58 for the state PAC and \$12,600.00 for the national PAC. Below is a list of contributors to date. A huge THANK YOU goes to the following firms and individuals who have already contributed. If you are not listed below and want to contribute to the state and national PAC, please go to our [website](#) for more information as well as a current list of state and national PAC contributions.



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Members Firms:

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Member News

[Black & Veatch](#) is pleased to announce that **Jennifer “Jenn” Shafer**, associate vice president and director of dispute resolution, has been named to the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City’s (CCGKC) latest “Kansas City Tomorrow” leadership class.



[CBB](#) is pleased to announce that **Jacque Knight, AICP**, has joined the firm as a multimodal planner.

[Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.](#) is pleased to announce their Springfield, MO staff took home the *Springfield Business Journal's* 2021 Economic Impact Award for Companies in Business 8-15 years.

[Klingner & Associates, P.C.](#) is pleased to announce that **Matt Bridges, P.E.**, has earned his Professional Engineer license from the Missouri Division of Professional Registration.

[McClure](#) is pleased to announce that **Jerrod Bryan** has joined the firms' Water team as an engineering technician.

[Ross & Baruzzini, Inc.](#) is pleased to welcome **Chris Tallerico** as their new Principal of Managed Services and Cybersecurity. He brings 30 years of IT expertise, with the previous decade focusing on operational technology and Internet of things (IoT) network devices.

[Terracon Consultants, Inc.](#) is pleased to announce that **Ty Alexander**, geotechnologist and principal engineer, has been named to *Springfield Business Journal's* 2021 Men of the Year list.

Calendar of Events

October 25, 2021 -- ACEC/MO EEA Project Entry Deadline
October 27-30, 2021 -- ACEC Fall Conference, Marco Island, FL
November 12, 2021 -- ACEC/MO Fall Meeting
May 2, 2022 - ACEC/MO 1st Annual PAC Golf Tournament



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