The health and safety of ACEC/MO's employees and members is at the forefront of our policies and guidelines, and as such, we are continuously addressing the coronavirus outbreak. There is an abundance of COVID-19 information on the ACEC (National) and ACEC/MO (state) websites - see links listed below. If you have any questions, please email Bruce Wylie or Dawn Hill.

COVID-19 RESOURCES:
- ACEC Coronavirus Resource Center
- ACEC/MO COVID-19 Resource Center
- Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
- Federal Guidance on COVID-19
- Missouri Chamber of Commerce & Industry Coronavirus Resources
- Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services
- COVID-19 Public Awareness Campaign
- Small Business Administration: Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources
- USDA Rural Development COVID-19

ACEC Research Institute to Host Future of Funding Roundtable on July 16

The ACEC Research Institute will host an expert roundtable discussion on "Funding in the New Normal," looking at how the ballooning federal deficit, recessionary challenges, and new funding mechanisms will impact the engineering industry. The roundtable will be held on July 16 from 1:30-2:30 pm ET. Participation in the roundtable is FREE. Click here for more information and to register.

The panel includes Rosemarie Andolino, former chairman of MAG USA and CEO of International
Development, Manchester Airport Group; Anirban Basu, chairman and CEO, Sage Policy Group; Jeff Davis, senior fellow, Eno Center for Transportation; and David Zipper, visiting fellow, Harvard Kennedy School's Taubman Center for State and Local Government. Joseph Bates of the ACEC Research Institute will moderate the discussion.

The Research Institute has hosted two previous roundtables looking at the future of engineering. Click here to view "The Impact of Technology on Engineering" roundtable. Click here to view The Buildings We Live and Work In roundtable.

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**Taxpayer Guide to the CARES Act**

With the July 15 tax deadline coming up, knowing and understanding how the CARES Act changes affect you and your client’s businesses is key to taking full advantage of the benefits and savings made possible. Hinkle Law Firm LLC compiled a listing of the major changes to the tax code implemented by the CARES Act. To see their Taxpayer Guide to the CARES Act, click here.

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**MoDOT / Industry COVID-19 Weekly Update**

The Missouri Department of Transportation held a COVID-19 Industry Meeting on July 1, 2020. Attendees included were from ACEC, ACPA, AGC, KC Heavy Constructors, MAPA, MLP, MoDOT and SITE. They discussed the following:

- Shared Work Program
- Contract Status
- Traffic Data
- Federal Infrastructure Funding
- Director’s Update
- Roundtable Discussion.

To see the complete minutes from the meeting, click on the link below or go to the ACEC/MO COVID-19 Resource Center. The next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.


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**Resilient Economies: Recognizing the Real Value of Natural Capital**

Natural capital dictates society’s ability to ‘stretch and breathe’ – its resilience. David Ashford of Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water and Fran Moore of Black & Veatch will explore the link between natural capital and resilience; vital to understanding how we effectively invest in adaptive natural, social and economic systems in the face of water management risks, biodiversity loss, climate change and a post COVID-19 world.

The webinar will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 from 10:00 - 11:00 AM CDT. Click here to register for the webinar.
Reopening Jobsites with Workers' Health and Safety in Mind

Construction has seen demanding environments before, but COVID-19 has created a unique challenge. While protecting the health of workers remains top priority, ensuring project success remains vital for recovery. Join industry experts Andrew Cameron of Hensel Phelps, Luciano Lozano of Beldon Roofing Company and Raymond Levitt, former Civil and Environmental Engineering professor at Stanford, as they share their insights on construction's new normal and the solutions needed to ensure worker safety and project efficiency as you return to work. This webinar will be held on **July 15, 2020 at 1:00 PM in Central Time** (US and Canada). To register for the webinar, click [here](#).

Creating a Safe Space
by Cushman & Wakefield

Certain phrases surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic have sparked global conversations, the most notable being social distancing – the entire world now understands the importance of staying six feet away. Across the globe, we’re in different stages of experiencing the pandemic. But, as we begin visualizing life after COVID-19, we must begin to think about what a six feet society will look like and how we will adjust. The "6 feet rule" isn’t going away any time soon and we at Cushman & Wakefield understand how critical it is to normalize this guideline into everyday life. Eventually, we will all return to work, but we must not forget this golden rule.

Introducing the 6 Feet Office

The 6 Feet Office is our conceptual idea to help our clients prepare for their employees to return to the office. We’re here to help you prepare for the return to the office. We’re here to help you maintain social distancing while creating an effective workplace. We’re here to help you embrace the new normal.

THE 6 FEET OFFICE CONCEPT CONSISTS OF SIX ELEMENTS:

1. **6 Feet Quick Scan**: A concise but thorough analysis of the current working environment in the field of virus safety and any other opportunities for improvement.
2. **6 Feet Rules**: A set of simple and clear workable agreements and rules of conduct that put the safety of everyone first.
3. **6 Feet Routing**: A visually displayed and unique routing for each office, making traffic flows completely safe.
4. **6 Feet Workstation**: An adapted and fully equipped workplace at which the user can work safely.
5. **6 Feet Facility**: A trained employee who advises on and operationally ensures an optimally functioning and safe facility environment.
6. **6 Feet Certificate**: A certificate stating that measures have been taken to implement a virus-safe working environment.

To watch a video to learn more about the 6 Feet Office, click [here](#).

Healthcare Staff Reductions Threaten Regulatory Compliance
by Scott Myers, Burns & McDonnell

The coronavirus pandemic has burdened the healthcare industry in exceptional ways. One unanticipated challenge has been how to...
meet the pandemic head-on while experiencing plunging revenues. With emergency room visits down and nonurgent care largely put on hold, healthcare organizations have been losing significant revenue. This has resulted in significant percentages of staff members — from medical professionals to support workers — being placed on furlough or working reduced hours, according to the Department of Labor.

These staffing cuts and reductions have consequentially challenged hospital environmental health and safety (EHS) and other support services departments — often short on staff to begin with. These departments lead EHS and other regulatory compliance programs, which provide safety management, air emissions compliance, industrial hygiene support, hazardous waste management, chemical storage and other regulatory compliance measures, including those of The Joint Commission. While EHS and other support services do not bring in revenue for healthcare organizations, they are critical to keeping facilities safe and compliant with federal, state and local regulations.

As communities reopen, many healthcare organizations will seek to slowly correct for revenue losses and achieve full staff capacity again. When this time comes, it is likely that EHS teams will face compliance issues and regulatory gaps.

A key aspect of EHS work is program maintenance. EHS professionals maintain a comprehensive and sustainable compliance program [...] 

To see the full report, click here.

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Managing Risk When Returning to the Jobsite

ACEC's Engineering Influence sat down with Karen Erger, Director of Practice Risk Management at Lockton Companies, the world's largest privately held insurance brokerage firm, to discuss the importance of empowering staff to leave the job site if they feel COVID-19 precautions are not being implemented by 3rd parties. To listen to the whole conversation on risk management for A/E firms here, click here.

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Control Room Continuity Planning & Systems

In an episode of ‘The New Normal’ Conversations with Chris Runde, Ross & Baruzzini Principal Consultant and Ed Molloy, PMP, Director of Mobility Systems Ross & Baruzzini | MACRO - Mobility Systems & Communications division, they discuss control room continuity planning and systems.

Visit the Continuity of Command and Control for Essential Workers in a Confined Space blog to learn more and download their free Continuity of Command and Control Idea Sheet by clicking here. To see the video of this Zoom meeting that was recorded on June 29th, click here.

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ACEC Guide to Returning to the Office and the Job Site

The economy is opening back up - make sure your firm is prepared to protect its greatest resource - its employees - with the ACEC Guide to Returning to the Office and the Job Site. Click here or on the graphic below to download your copy of the guide.
Download ACEC's Guide to Returning to the Office and the Job Site in the Time of COVID-19