The health and safety of ACEC/MO members and employees is at the forefront of our policies and guidelines, so we continuously address the coronavirus outbreak. There is an abundance of information on the ACEC and ACEC/MO 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
Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Public Awareness Campaign
Small Business Administration - Small Business Guidance & Loan Resources
USDA Rural Development COVID-19

Paycheck Protection Program Loan Forgiveness FAQs

The Small Business Administration (SBA) and the U.S. Department of Treasury released the FAQs on the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan forgiveness. The document provides answers to questions such as calculation of payroll and non-payroll expenses, and how to determine the amount of owner compensation that is eligible for loan forgiveness.

To see the PPP FAQs, click here. If you have any questions, contact Katharine Mottley, Vice President, Tax and Regulatory Affairs, ACEC by email at kmottley@acec.org or by phone at (202) 669-7437.
MoDOT / Industry COVID-19 Meeting Update

The Missouri Department of Transportation held a COVID-19 Industry Meeting on July 30, 2020. Attendees included were from ACEC, ACPA, AGC, KC Heavy Constructors, MAPA, MLPA, MoDOT and SITE. They discussed the following:

- Shared Work Program
- Contract Status
- Traffic Data
- Director's Update
- Roundtable Discussion.

To see the complete minutes and handout from the meeting, click on the links below or go to the ACEC/MO COVID-19 Resource Center.

- MoDOT / Industry COVID-19 Meeting Minutes 7-30-20
- Changes in Traffic Due to COVID-19 Compared to 2019 (Updated 7-27-20)

The Economic Recovery from COVID will be Measured in Years, not Months
by ACEC and posted on Medium.com

The COVID-19 pandemic has plunged the United States into a steep and dramatic recession, ending the longest economic expansion on record. Although the economy began to regain traction in May, a resurgence of COVID-19 infections in late June and July across most of the country has put a recovery in doubt.

To determine what’s ahead for the U.S. economy and the private sector A/E/C markets, the ACEC Research Institute brought together four experts on July 16 for the “Funding in the New Normal” roundtable: Rosemarie Andolino, former chair of MAG USA and CEO of International Development, Manchester Airport Group; Anirban Basu, chair 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. [.....]

To read the full article on Medium.com, click here.

EPA Releases Financial Impact Tool for Water Utilities
by WaterWorld Magazine

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a new tool to help water utilities assess the financial impact of COVID-19 on operations. Throughout the COVID-19 national health emergency -- and as communities across the country reopen -- water utilities have reliably provided safe drinking water and critical wastewater services. This new tool will help provide important information about the financial and operational health of water utilities, which play an integral role in protecting human health and the environment for our nation.

“It’s important for water utilities to understand -- as early as possible -- how to carry out their responsibilities and plan reinvestment for their communities as local economies start to recover from COVID-19,” said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler. “This tool will support the financial resilience of water utilities today and into the future by providing in-depth insight into how operations during COVID-19 have affected their financial standing.”
“Water utilities and the water workforce have kept vital clean water services operating throughout this challenging time,” said EPA Assistant Administrator for Water David Ross. “With this new tool, [.....]

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

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**How to Make and Substantiate a Business Interruption / Extra Expense Claim Webinar**

Join Anchin and Greyling for an interactive webinar on How to Make and Substantiate a Business Interruption/Extra Expense Claim as a result of COVID-19, a cyber attack, or natural disaster. The webinar will be held on **Thursday, August 13, 2020** from **2:00 PM - 3:30 PM**. Their industry experts will cover the following topics:

- Impact of COVID-19
- How to make a claim
- Documentation of business income loss and extra expenses
- Recent litigation related to coverage
- Best accounting practices
- Potential government solutions
- Cyber attacks, risk management and claims of loss

Phillip M. Ross, Anchin, will moderate the session. Other presenters in the session will be: Anthony J. Bracco, Anchin; Tab Bradshaw, Redpoint Cybersecurity; Kristen Walker, Greyling Insurance Brokerage; and Chris Wilkerson, Greyling Insurance Brokerage.

To register for the program, click [here](#). To submit your questions in advance, click [here](#).

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**Future of Construction Webinar**

Like every profession, the construction industry was upended by the COVID-19 pandemic. In many places, construction halted all together. In others, the practices of temperature monitoring, PPE usage and social distancing were adopted as work continued. New technologies, like virtual reality and video services, found new prominence in the construction process.

So, what does this mean for the future of construction? Should estimates include costs for PPE? Will social distancing decrease labor productivity? And will new technology solutions become a mainstay in the industry?

The *Engineering News Record* is hosting this free webinar on **August 13, 2020 at 1:00 PM**. Items you'll learn include:

- How construction estimates can be built to account for changes in labor and equipment due to COVID-19.
- What impacts the use of social distancing could have on construction project timelines.
- Where new technologies are enabling innovation in the construction process to combat productivity loss, improve health and safety practices and increase convenience.
- How technologies may continue to evolve in the future to create a more streamlined construction process.

To register for the free webinar, click [here](#). Can't attend live? Register to view the webinar on-demand!
Upcoming Worker's Compensation Webinar

EPIC and Fisher Phillips have partnered to help clients manage the ongoing business minefield during this global pandemic, and to deliver a COVID-19 blueprint. The webinar will be held on **August 18, 2020 at 1:00 PM (Central Time)**. It will help clients navigate Employment and Workers' Compensation issues by providing practical solutions.

Topics include:
2. Latest Developments from the Governor’s Office Regarding Remote Work Requirements and Potential Shutdowns or Furloughs
3. Leaves of Absence, Including When and How Employers Must Provide Sick Leave or Other Statutory Leaves of Absence for Employees Affected by Coronavirus
4. Protecting your Company's Trade Secrets and Confidential Information When Everyone is Working from Home
5. Potential Employer’s Third-Party Liability

To register for the webinar, click [here](#). To catch up on all our Coronavirus coverage, visit [epicbrokers.com/coronavirus](http://epicbrokers.com/coronavirus). Fisher Phillips, LLP is one of the largest U.S. law firms representing management exclusively in the areas of labor, employment, civil rights, employee benefits, and immigration law. For more information, please contact Julia Moore at julia.moore@epicbrokers.com or 916-576-1549.

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Beyond Distance Learning and Hybrid Models Webinar

Restarting schools can be a catalyst to help us refocus our educational values – to engage students, teach relevant 21st century skills, and expand our ideas of teaching to encompass lifelong learning in the workforce. Remote learning and socially distanced classrooms are only the first steps to re-start education. How can design of school facilities meet the demands of new programs and pedagogy in the age of COVID?

Vectorworks, Inc. is hosting a live webinar on **September 2, 2020 at 2:00 PM EDT**. This webinar will examine how social distancing can foster new ways of structuring student activities inside and outside the classroom; how to serve students with differing learning preferences; and how new ideas about how to deliver the curriculum can improve teaching outcomes. Learning Objectives:

1. Identify how core educational values are affected in the age of COVID constraints on schools.
2. Identify impediments to educational change, and how COVID affect them.
3. Learn how COVID constraints affect students with different learning modalities.
4. Review spaces that improve learning environments in a socially distanced school.

To register for the webinar, click [here](#).

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Can SMART Save the Post-COVID Office?

*by WSP*

COVID-19 has presented some profound challenges to the office as we know it, from how commercial buildings can operate safely in the event of a pandemic to whether anyone will still want to go to work when they can collaborate with colleagues around the world from home. In this series, WSP has considered the post-pandemic office from many angles, and we’ve found that many people do still see enduring value in a workplace where they can come together and exchange ideas in person. But it’s also clear that there are many things that could be improved – to make offices safer, more productive, more inspiring places to be.
Smart building technologies can support this in many ways, from enabling transparent, data-driven building management to creating a compelling, frictionless experience for employees and guests. Next week, we’ll explore the emerging solutions that will transform the way the office looks and feels, and turn it into an essential destination for collaboration. But first, we need to tackle the fundamentals of operating in a post-COVID-19 world – the concerns that building owners must address before anyone will be prepared to come back at all. [.....]

To read the full article from WSP, click here.

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**Update on COVID-19 and Emerging Technologies**  
*by Cushman & Wakefield*

As time progresses in the COVID-19 pandemic, our collective understanding of the virus, its transmission and its mitigation continue to evolve. Most recently, some studies now posit that aerosol transmission is possible. Unfortunately, there is no magic bullet in the work to mitigate COVID-19 risk. Instead, we recommend our clients work with a layered defense, which combines actions on several fronts toward an outcome that is appropriately comprehensive, feasible, and sustainable. As we evaluate approaches – whether modifying established protocols or analyzing emerging technologies – we ask three questions:

- What is the source of transmission?
- What controls can we put in place?
- How effective are they?

*CNBC’s Squawk on the Street* asked did an interview with Paul Bedborough, CEO of Cushman & Wakefield, on disinfecting the workplace - safety protocols and procedures. To watch the video, click [here](#). To download the ‘Update on COVID-19 and Emerging Technologies’ report, click [here](#).

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**How are Cobots Making a Difference to the Enterprise During the COVID-19 Pandemic?**  
*by Kamalika Some, NCFM Level 1 Certified Professional, Analytics Insight*

The lack of skilled labour and business continuity objectives drives the Cobot market for COVID-19 Pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has bought a revolutionary change in how enterprises are working by keeping social distancing in mind to ensure business continuity is assured during the ongoing coronavirus era. This has paved the way for the new kind of co-workers, characterized by robotic technology and powered by Artificial Intelligence.

The year 2020 is different of sorts. Enterprises the world over did never anticipate coronavirus to hit their functionaries so bad. To mitigate the global supply chain risks, trade pundits expect that manufacturers will in-source automation to keep the supply cycle moving. As manufacturers around the world try to figure out how the business will look going forward, intelligent automation and cobot technology both have been creating quite a stir in the enterprise circles. The crux being, businesses which are quick to adapt and are resilient enough to understand the new demands and adapt their processes while protecting worker interests—will survive and thrive in the current crisis. [.....]

Click [here](#) to read the full article from *Analytics Insight*.