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- **Future Events** *(More Details on ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet; Registration Deadline Extended for ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy)*

- **Member Information & Calendar** *(Member News; Calendar of Events)*

If there is something you would like us to include in the weekly updates, please contact the **ACEC/MO office**. We would love to hear your thoughts. Thanks!

### INDUSTRY NEWS

#### 20 Projects Selected Under Governor Mike Parson’s Cost-Share Program

Governor Mike Parson announced that 20 transportation projects will receive $50 million under his transportation cost-share program. The Missouri Departments of Transportation (MoDOT) and Economic Development (DED) selected the projects with the goal of building partnerships with local entities to deliver road and bridge projects that have the greatest economic benefit to the state.

“This is an exciting opportunity for Missouri to turn infrastructure investments into workforce investments,” Governor Parson said. “The number of applications shows that these partnerships are not only of great interest but of great benefit to Missourians. It also highlights that many unfunded transportation needs remain in our state.” Projects awarded range from urban roadway improvements to local community projects, all of which support economic development.

MoDOT’s Cost-Share Committee, made up of MoDOT’s Chief Engineer, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant Chief Engineer, and two Director-appointed employees along with DED staff, reviewed 48 applications requesting more than $92 million to deliver $321 million in projects.
The committee selected 20 applications to receive the $50 million, which will deliver $131 million in projects upon approval by the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission in January.

During legislative session, the Missouri General Assembly appropriated $50 million to create the Governor’s transportation cost-share program, which provides financial assistance to public and private applicants for public road and bridge projects. The program matches up to 50 percent of the construction contract costs for selected projects.

Ten percent of the funds are set aside for projects that demonstrate economic development. MoDOT and DED worked with project sponsors to determine when projects may generate economic development. The departments may contribute up to 100 percent of the construction contract costs from the 10 percent set aside for these projects. The selected projects will be presented to the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for approval in January.

Wastewater Upgrade Planning Assistance

The Small Community Engineering Assistance Program (SCEAP) is a grant program to assist small communities with planning for wastewater treatment and collection systems improvements related to new permit requirements and/or inflow and infiltration reduction. Municipalities and public sewer or water districts with a population of less than 10,000 are eligible to apply. The grant offers funding for wastewater engineering costs incurred in preparation of a facility plan. Communities may be eligible to receive an 80% grant with a 20% recipient match, while disadvantaged communities may be eligible to receive a 90% grant with a 10% recipient match. The grant amount shall not exceed $50,000.

Contact the Financial Assistance Center at 573-751-1192 or fac@dnr.mo.gov for more information.

2020 MDNR Water Protection Programs

Calling all Stakeholders! A new year is here so let’s get off to a great start by having meaningful and lively discussion on all things clean water at the Water Protection Forum! Here’s where they need your help – they want the Forum meetings to continue to provide information that is relevant and of interest and benefit to all, so they are encouraging all stakeholders to present at the Forum meetings. By having stakeholders and other interested parties provide information in the form of presentations we all become better educated and can understand more clearly different perspectives. They want to hear from you and give you the time you need to update the audience on your area of expertise.

Now on to our second request – have you on occasion wanted to request presentations by the Department on topics of current interest but were hesitant to do so? They are soliciting your ideas and topics you want to hear more about, so contact Jane Davis, jane.davis@dnr.mo.gov, 573-526-1386, and let her know how you can contribute and/or provide topic suggestions to her for future Forum meetings. Their first 2020 Forum is February 13th.
MDNR Workshop Announcement

Are you designing a new or modified wastewater treatment system? Looking at funding options for a municipal wastewater treatment system? Do you have questions about the regulation changes? Antidegradation? What does this require? Want to learn more about updated permitting requirements? Questions about new and innovative technology? Take this opportunity to learn about wastewater construction permitting. MDNR has announced they are hosting multiple workshops listed below. Registration is required as seating is limited. For questions regarding the workshops, please contact Ellen Modglin via email Ellen.Modglin@dnr.mo.gov or by phone (573) 751-7466. If you would like to register, please go to our website for those links.

Upcoming Workshop Dates/Locations:

- **February 25, 2020**, Kirkwood, MO
- **February 26, 2020**, Cape Girardeau, MO
- **March 5, 2020**, Columbia, MO
- **March 10, 2020**, Springfield, MO
- **March 11, 2020**, Blue Springs, MO

FUTURE EVENTS

More Details on ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet

Make plans now to attend ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet scheduled for **February 28-29, 2020** at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Chesterfield, MO. A tentative schedule of events is listed below but once all the details are finalized, we’ll send out registration information. This will be another great networking meeting that you don’t want to miss out on. We hope to see you on February 28th & 29th in Chesterfield!

**Friday, February 28th**
- 9:45 a.m. - Board of Directors/Membership Meeting
- 12:00 p.m. - Lunch/QBS Awards/Guest Speaker: Senator Bill Eigel
- 2:00 p.m. - Leadership Development Seminar (*speaker: Stephen Long; Motere Consulting*)
- 6:30 p.m. - Local Color Night at Top Golf

**Saturday, February 29th**
- 7:30 a.m. - Breakfast Speaker: Lesley Hoffarth, P.E., President & Executive Director, Forest Park Forever (*invited*)
- 9:00 a.m. - Critical Business Issues Roundtable
- 6:00 p.m. - Design Excellence Reception
- 7:00 p.m. - Awards Banquet (*includes comedian Devin Henderson*)
Registration Deadline Extended for ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy

We still have a few slots available for ACEC/MO's 2020 Future Leaders Academy (FLA) so we extended the deadline to register to January 10, 2020. The FLA program will be held on March 4-5, 2020, in Jefferson City; April 8-9, 2020 in St. Louis; and May 13-14, 2020 in Independence and attendees must attend all 3 sessions to graduate. For complete details on the program, go to ACEC/MO's website or click on the graphic to register now.

MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR

Member News

CDG Engineers announced they have added four new team members to various company departments. Lina Ferero-Plackemeir and Brian Boeckmann have joined the electrical engineering department, and Lee Bruner and Marcus Younger have joined the industrial facilities department. They are very excited to have these individuals on their team.

TREKK Design Group, LLC announced that Spencer Osborn, a valued member of their transportation team, is now a newly licensed Professional Engineer! Congratulations Spencer!

Calendar of Events

February 28-29, 2020 - Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet, Chesterfield  
March 4-5, 2020 - Future Leaders Academy, Jefferson City  
April 8-9, 2020 - Future Leaders Academy, St. Louis  
April 26-29, 2020 - ACEC Annual Convention & Legislative Summit, Washington, DC  
May 13-14, 2020 - Future Leaders Academy, Independence  
June 7-9, 2020 - ACEC Midwest States Conference, Branson  
August 21, 2020 - Summer Meeting, Columbia  
November 13, 2020 - Fall Meeting, Columbia

To see a complete calendar of events, go to ACEC/MO's website.