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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

### Funding Opportunity for Community Water Systems to Complete Engineering Studies

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is now accepting applications for Drinking Water Engineering Report Services Grants. The purpose of this funding is to help community water systems obtain an engineering report as a first step toward implementing changes that will help the system achieve and maintain technical, managerial and financial capacity, including compliance with the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations and the Missouri public drinking water regulations. The engineering studies include data collection, analysis and water system planning. They are valuable tools to ensure continued delivery of adequate and safe drinking water to customers in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

Eligible community water systems must have a population less than or equal to 3,300 or serve a larger population but will provide benefit to another community water system with a population less than or equal to 3,300 through regionalization or consolidation.

The program is not a loan program, but rather provides grants to water systems based on their eligibility and priority. Awardees are eligible to receive up to 80% of the cost needed to hire an engineering firm to prepare an engineering report up to a maximum of $20,000. Disadvantaged
communities are eligible for 100% reimbursement up to a maximum of $25,000. Engineering firms are selected by the water system after a solicitation process that complies with state requirements.

The deadline to submit applications is April 1, 2020. Visit the Department's webpage at dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/pdwb/eng-report-svcs.htm for applications and instructions. For more information, please contact Megan Torrence at 573-522-1801 or megan.torrence@dnr.mo.gov or Maher Jaafari, PE at 573-751-1127 or maher.jaafari@dnr.mo.gov.

First Project in Governor Parson's Focus on Bridges Program Opens to Traffic

Just six months after the program’s launch in May, the first project in Governor Mike Parson’s Focus on Bridges program is now partially open to traffic. A new Route 72 bridge over Stouts Creek in Iron County opened to one lane of traffic in late December.

The existing bridge was in such poor condition that the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) did not want it to carry traffic through the winter months. Consequently, the construction contract called for the new bridge, which is being built alongside the old structure, to be open to one lane of traffic with temporary signals at each end by mid-December. Full completion of the bridge is expected this spring. The contractor for the project is Robertson Contractors of Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

The Focus on Bridges program was launched by a $50 million appropriation from general revenue by the Missouri General Assembly in May. In July, MoDOT then received an $81.2 million INFRA Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation, triggering another $301 million in bonding revenue for the program that was also approved by the legislature during the 2019 legislative session.

In all, the program will repair or replace 250 of the state’s poorest bridges. The Route 72 bridge is one of six in the program currently under construction. The 43 others are under contract.

SRF Application Deadline Extension

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is pleased to announce the extension of the application deadline for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs. Streamlining of internal application review and Intended Use Plan preparation processes made this change possible. The new deadlines to compete for loan and grant funds in fiscal year 2021 are below:

- The Clean Water SRF application due date was previously Jan. 15, 2020; the new due date is March 1, 2020. The application is available at https://dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/srf/wastewater-assistance.htm.

- The Drinking Water SRF application due date was previously Feb. 15, 2020; the new due date is March 1, 2020. The application is available at https://dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/srf/drinkingwater-assistance.htm.

The revised deadlines must be met by those applicants wishing to compete for partial grant funds with their loan. However, applications for SRF are always accepted year-round! If your community is interested in applying for financial assistance from the SRF and needs help, our staff is available to assist with application preparation. Please contact us at fac@dnr.mo.gov.
The Chairman's Corner - A Look Back at 2019 and What Lies Ahead for 2020

*Engineering Influence* welcomed ACEC Board Chair Mitch Simpler back to the show for his quarterly Chairman's Corner podcast. In this episode, Mitch looks back on a successful year for ACEC and gives his thoughts on what 2020 could bring for ACEC and the engineering industry.

Click [here](#) to listen to the podcast.

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**FUTURE EVENTS**

**Registration Opens Soon for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet**

Make plans now to attend ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet on **February 28-29, 2020** at the **DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel** in **Chesterfield, MO**. The schedule of events is listed below and registration details will be sent out in a separate email. Hotel information will be listed on the registration information as well as on our [website](#). 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 / Speaker: *Senator Bill Eigel*  
2:00 p.m. - The Leadership Tax Seminar (*speaker: Stephen Long, PhD, Motere Consulting*)  
6:30 p.m. - Local Color Night at Topgolf in Chesterfield

**Saturday, February 29th**

7:30 a.m. - Breakfast / Speaker: Don Booth, Archeologist, SCI Engineering, Inc.  
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*)

**SPONSORS:**

Associate Members have the opportunity to be a sponsor for the Design Excellence Reception and member firms have the opportunity to be a sponsor for the Awards Banquet. Below is a list of Associate Members and member firms that have agreed to be a sponsor. If you are an Associate Member and would like to be a sponsor, click [HERE](#) for more information. Member firms that want to be a sponsor, click [HERE](#) for more information.

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Register Today for ACEC Senior Executives Institute Class 26

Registration is now open for Class 26 of the Senior Executives Institute (SEI), ACEC’s premier leadership development course for design professionals. The five-session program will begin in September 2020 in Washington, D.C. For more information or to register today, send an email to Katie Goodman or call 202-682-4332.

Don't Miss Out on ACEC/MO's 2020 Future Leaders Academy

Time is running out to register for ACEC/MO's 2020 Future Leaders Academy (FLA). We extended the registration deadline to January 10, 2020, and we now have just a few spots available. 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

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.