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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: Bruce Wylie (BruceWylie@acecmo.org) or Dawn Hill (DawnHill@acecmo.org). We would love to hear from you!

### COVID-19 NEWS

**PPP Loan Forgiveness Application Simplified for Loans Under $50,000**

If you took advantage of the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) with a loan of $50,000 or less, you can apply for loan forgiveness with this new, simpler form. To read the full article from SBA, click [here](#). To view the simpler loan forgiveness application, click [here](#). To view the instructions for completing the simpler loan forgiveness application, click [here](#). To view the Interim Final Rule on the simpler forgiveness process for loans of $50,000 or less, click [here](#).

A free webinar on how to get PPP forgiveness will be held on **Tuesday, October 27, 2020** from **8:30-10:00 AM**. To register for the webinar, click [here](#).
Introducing the Virtual Technician—Technical Support During a Turbulent Time
by Paul Bedborough, Chief Executive, Cushman & Wakefield

A highly connected world of emerging technology paired with the necessity of social distancing have paved the way for modern technical support. In these unprecedented times, the necessity of social distancing coupled with advancements in communication technology has accelerated the introduction of an innovative new means of technical support: the Virtual Technician. The Virtual Technician takes skilled technicians and augments them with top engineers and information from anywhere in the world at any time.

In this article, learn how the Virtual Technician provides both a short- and long-term solution and how it helps with: hands-on learning; staying compliant virtually; improving productivity; career extension; and technical resourcing.

Click [here](#) to read the full article and to download the infographic, click [here](#). Below is a video to learn more on the Virtual Technician.

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INDUSTRY NEWS

ACEC/MO Board of Directors Has Named Morgan Mundell as its Next President & CEO

The board of directors of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Missouri has named Morgan Mundell as its President and CEO. Mundell will replace Bruce Wylie, who has served more than 35 years in the same position.

“The ACEC/MO Board of Directors is excited to announce that Morgan Mundell will be joining us as our new President and CEO,” said Vicki LaRose, ACEC/MO Chair. “He has the experience and background to help fulfill the ACEC/MO mission representing the business of consulting engineering and has spent a number of years working on infrastructure funding. I would also like to thank Bruce Wylie for
his many years of dedicated service, growing ACEC/MO to the premier engineering organization it is today. His leadership and guidance will be greatly missed.”

Mundell, a graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia and Southeast Missouri State University, currently serves as the Executive Manager of the Missouri Limestone Producers Association. Also, Mundell has served as Managing Director of the National Muzzle Loading Rifle Association and Deputy Director of the National Lieutenant Governors Association.

“Morgan has been highly engaged with the Missouri Legislature and the U.S. Congress over the years and has a proven track record in organizational management at both the national and state levels. He will be a great asset for ACEC/MO, and I look forward to handing off the baton to him,” said Bruce Wylie, current ACEC/MO President. “I would like to thank the ACEC/MO Board and membership for their support and encouragement over the years. It has been a privilege to serve the engineering industry and business leaders that drive this respected profession.” The selection of Mundell by the ACEC/MO Board of Directors becomes effective on November 16.

“I am excited to join the organization and to put my years of experience to work for the engineering companies of Missouri,” said Mundell. “ACEC/MO has a distinguished reputation in Jefferson City and the rest of Missouri through its governmental advocacy and best practice programming, and I look forward to continuing that effort.”

Mundell resides in Jefferson City, Missouri, with his wife Jessica and two children.

Federal Contractors Join in Opposition to Executive Order that Bars Certain Diversity and Inclusion Training

ACEC joined with members of the federal contracting community this week in a letter to President Trump raising numerous concerns and objections to Executive Order 13950 - Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping. Issued on September 22, the Executive Order (E.O.) sets forth the policy of the United States “not to promote race or sex stereotyping or scapegoating” and prohibits federal contractors from inculcating such views in their employees in workplace diversity and inclusion trainings.

The letter states: "The E.O. seeks to identify specific concepts that would be prohibited, but the description of these concepts leaves considerable ambiguity as to what content would not be permitted in diversity and inclusiveness (D&I) training. Furthermore, there is a great deal of subjectivity around how certain content would be perceived by different individuals. For example, the definition of “divisive concepts” creates many gray areas and will likely result in multiple different interpretations. Because the ultimate threat of debarment is a possible consequence, we have heard from some companies that they are suspending all D&I training. This outcome is contrary to the E.O.’s stated purpose, but an understandable reaction given companies’ lack of clear guidance. Thus, the E.O. is already having a broadly chilling effect on legitimate and valuable D&I training companies use to foster inclusive workplaces, help with talent recruitment, and remain competitive in a country with a wide range of different cultures.

“We believe the E.O. will create confusion and uncertainty, lead to non-meritorious investigations, and hinder the ability of employers to implement critical programs to promote diversity and combat discrimination in the workplace. We urge you to withdraw the Executive Order and work with the business community on an approach that would support appropriate workplace training programs.” Click here to view the letter.

MoDOT LPA Advisory Committee Meeting

The MoDOT LPA Advisory Committee recently met on Thursday, October 15th. ACEC/MO members in attendance included Ramin Ashrafzadeh, Billy Cobb, Andrew Eckhart, Todd Kempker, Andy Macias, Linda Moen, and Kim Pemberton. Their next meeting will be in mid-January 2021. Several members are rotating off the
committee after a three-year appointment. MoDOT will choose the new members by the end of the year which will include County, Municipal, MPO/RPC and consultant representatives and the committee list is posted on the LPA pages of their website.

**Notes from the Meeting:**

With the one-year FAST Act Reauthorization, MoDOT expects to receive about the same amount of dollars for the LPA programs as in recent years however the obligation limitations for each program will change and MoDOT is still waiting for the details. The most significant changes will be in the BRO funding distribution as MoDOT changes to the new FHWA rating that MoDOT has been required to use for MoDOT bridges. The new rating system intends to prioritize bridges that are failing over bridges that are functionally deficient, so some bridges that would have received funding priority under the old rating system will fall farther down the priority list. The southeast part of Missouri will be impacted the most by this because many of their bridges on the prior funding list are not expected to make the list using the new rating criteria.

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**Engineering Influence Podcast Looks at the Future of the Office Market**

On the latest Engineering Influence podcast, Carl Shilling, a principal at Stantec, shares his thoughts on the current state of the office market sector and how it may change going forward.

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

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**New RFPs / RFQs on ACEC/MO Website**

The ACEC/MO website has been updated to include new RFPs/RFQs we recently received from MoDOT and Kimberling City. To see the all new RFPs/RFQs we posted, please go to our [website](#). We update this page on our website as soon as we receive new information to post so please check it often for new RFPs/RFQs.

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**NOTABLE EVENTS**

**CECMo/PAC Trustees Approve General Election Contributions**

The ACEC/MO staff and CECMo/PAC Trustees met virtually on October 14, 2020. They reviewed a list of potential state PAC contributions for the General Election with our lobbyist, Mark Rhoads. After much discussion, they approved a list of 25 contributions in the amount of $24,750 to senators, representatives, the governor candidates, and the lieutenant governor. PAC checks will be sent out this week or will be delivered by members. Shown in the photo are (l to r): Bruce Wylie & Dawn Hill - ACEC/MO staff, Neil Brady, Mark Rhoads - lobbyist, Kevin Wallace, Vicki LaRose, Kimberly Robinett, Shawnna Erter, and Tim Ross.
Register now for ACEC/MO's Fall Meeting on Friday, November 13th, which will be held virtually. Below is the schedule of events for the meeting. Registration information was recently sent out to members and is posted on our website. You can also register by clicking on the link below. Members are invited to attend any part of the meeting. Please join us on November 13th!

MEETING SCHEDULE:
7:50 AM - Environmental Committee Meeting
9:00 AM - Governmental Affairs / Transportation Joint Committee Meeting
10:10 AM - Interpreting PPP Loans: Forgiveness, FAR/OH Rate Impact, and Insurance Options Seminar - Speakers: Jen Vacha, CPA Tax Partner & Scott Brandt, CPA Audit Partner, Brown Smith Wallace; and Bob Staed, Greyling
12:20 PM - Virtual Luncheon Speaker: Steve Hall, ACEC Senior Vice President of Advocacy (will give perspective on election results and impact of the results on our legislative priorities going forward)
1:15 PM - Board of Directors / Membership Meeting
3:00 PM - Networking Happy Hour (We’ll have something fun planned here so we hope you can join us!)

REGISTER for ACEC/MO Virtual Fall Meeting

FYI...More Free Webinars

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

Snack & Learn Webinar: Assessing the Impact of the Climate Change to Airports
Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 10:00 AM
Climate change affects transportation systems, including aviation facilities worldwide. Anticipating and mitigating, when possible, the impact of climate change will be a major challenge for airports of all sizes over the coming decades. During this Snack & Learn session, WSP Senior Aviation Planner Gaël Le Bris – recipient of a WSP USA Research & Innovation Fellowship – will give an overview of the methodology he developed with his deputy Loup-Giang Nguyen for assessing the impact of climate change on airports, and suggest mitigation strategies to increase climate resilience. He will describe some of the features of the practice-ready toolbox developed for supporting local climate-impact assessments, and provide guidance on how to adapt to future challenges. He will present a case study on runway length requirements – one of the key items of this first-ever comprehensive methodology for assessing the impact of climate change on individual airports.

Solving Problems Before They Happen with A.I.
Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 1:00 PM
Advances in artificial intelligence (A.I.) and machine learning are giving industry firms new insights into what can go wrong (and what can go right) on their projects. From providing advice on where to allocate resources to tips on scheduling to identifying real safety risks on jobsites, A.I. advisors are promising to deliver real competitive advantages. During this webinar, our panel will let you know how to get past the hype around A.I. and find the benefits of these tools. Can’t attend live? Register to view the webinar on-demand!
Connected Data: The Construction Game Changer
Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at 1:00 PM
As capital projects become more complex, sharing project data with key stakeholders becomes an essential building block to increasing jobsite productivity. Integrating data related to materials, people, and systems fosters a collaborative approach to work packaging and result in more predictable outcomes. In this webinar, our expert speaker will explore how connecting data maximizes visibility and bridges the gap to project certainty. Attendees will learn the importance of: 1) planning with the end in mind; 2) coordinating work packages across the project life cycle; 3) creating a constraint-free work environment; and 4) aligning stakeholders through data transparency.

Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) Webinars
Join WSP for the upcoming Snack & Learn webinar series exploring how intelligent transport systems can be part of the Vision Zero road safety solution. The series will explore how the data-led ITS whole-system approach enables the safe interaction of people, processes, infrastructure, vehicles and technology to support safe road systems, and therefore thriving communities. Below are links to upcoming ITS Snack & Learn Webinars.

- **How Can ITS Solutions Smooth the Path to Vision Zero** - Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 10:00 AM
- **Enhancing Mobility Safely with Smart Motorways: A Global View** - Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 10:00 AM
- **Exploring the Future of Mobility with a System Dynamics Tool** - Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 10:00 AM
- **Ending the Curb Battle: A Global View** - Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7:00 AM

MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR

**Reminders...**

**Life Member Nominations:** ACEC/MO seeks to recognize past member firm representatives who have given extraordinary service to ACEC/MO and have retired from active practice. Your help as a current member firm representative is needed to identify former members of your firm who may meet the criteria for Life Membership. Nominations are due by **October 29, 2020.** They can be mailed, faxed, or emailed to ACEC/MO as indicated on the form. A listing of current life members is listed on our [website](#) along with a link to the nomination form. If you have any questions, please contact the ACEC/MO office.

**ACEC/MO 2020-2021 Dues:** ACEC/MO sent out your invoice for 2020-2021 dues the beginning of July 2020. We are now through the first quarter of our fiscal year. If you recently received an email notice regarding your dues, please send in at least your first quarter dues payment by **October 31, 2020.** If you need us to work with you on payments, please contact our office.

**More Member Renewals and PAC Contributions**

Thank you to the following member firms and associate members that have renewed their membership. Also, thank you to member firms, associate members and individuals that have sent in PAC contributions for both
state and national since our weekly update. To see a complete list of state and national PAC contributions, go to ACEC/MO's [website](#). We are getting close to reaching our state PAC goal but still need your help reaching our national PAC goal. Your support allows us to remain committed to you as the business voice of the Missouri engineering industry.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS:**
M3 Engineering Group, PC ● Woolpert, Inc.

**STATE PAC CONTRIBUTIONS:**
Douglas E. Bonner ● Darren Forgy ● Stephen T. Kellerman ● Lisa Kramer ● Donald Wichern

**NATIONAL ACEC/PAC CONTRIBUTIONS:**

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**Member News**

**Burns & McDonnell** is pleased to announce that William Quatman, Esq., FAIA, FDBIA, has been honored by the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) with the Brunelleschi Lifetime Achievement Award, the highest individual honor DBIA bestows. Recipients of this award have exhibited originality, vision, and breadth over the course of their professional life.

**Engineering Design Source, Inc.** is pleased to welcome Ronald L. Mackey, PE, SE as a Senior Structural Engineer. He has over 35 years of experience in structural design and analysis with a focus on single and multi-span bridges and single and multi-story building structures. He also has extensive experience with multiple state department of transportation projects, including MoDOT and IDOT, as well as numerous other governmental agencies and municipalities.

**Lochmueller Group** recently welcomed Jared Wigger to the firm. He brings 20 years of bridge experience, specializing in larger bridge projects where he has been actively involved in everything from design to construction management. He brings a wealth of railroad experience and looks forward to expanding Lochmueller’s bridge practice with big bridges.

**Ross & Baruzzini, Inc.** is pleased to announce that Tori Gillespie, PE, has been promoted to Director of Operations for their Healthcare Market; and Michelle Clemons joined the firm as Senior Construction Administrator as part of their Government team.

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**Calendar of Events**

- **October 28-30, 2020** -- ACEC National Virtual Fall Conference
- **November 10, 2020** -- ACEC/MO EEA Judging
- **November 13, 2020** -- ACEC/MO Virtual Fall Meeting
- **February 5-6, 2021** -- ACEC/MO Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet
- **April 25-28, 2021** -- ACEC Annual Convention & Legislative Summit, Washington, DC

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