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- **Member Information & Calendar** *(Reminders...; More Member Renewals for 2020-21; Member News; Calendar of Events)*

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**

**Updated ACEC Coronavirus Resource Document Available**

ACEC updated their Coronavirus Resource Document. It includes information on News & Resources; Upcoming Advocacy Webinars; ACEC Resources; Global Snapshot from the World Health Organization; U.S. COVID-19 Statistics; and Regional COVID-19 Statistics. The document includes links to President Trump's Positive Test for COVID-19; Coronavirus Cases Rise in 25 States; NY Sees Increase in Positive Cases; Congress Clears Stopgap Legislation; ACEC's The Last Word, ACEC's Guide to Return to the Office, ACEC's Virtual Fall Conference, and much more. To see this detailed document, click [HERE](#).
EPA's COVID-19 Water Sector Survey

The EPA is currently conducting a time-sensitive voluntary survey of the nation’s drinking water and wastewater systems to help assess the economic and operational challenges resulting from COVID-19. Not all systems in Missouri will be asked to complete the survey. Rather, EPA will email individualized survey hyperlinks to a statistically representative sample of several thousand drinking water and wastewater utilities around the country.

If you are one of the systems that received the survey invitation, your participation is highly encouraged and greatly appreciated! Not only will your participation help identify and gauge the severity of the past, current, and expected future challenges faced by drinking water and wastewater utilities as a result of the COVID-19 national health emergency, but it will also help facilitate planning for a rapid response, if necessary, should there be significant future challenges in the water sector.

This survey is important, so EPA is available to provide technical assistance to water and wastewater systems with completing the survey and answering questions. For more information, please follow the links provided in your survey invitation, or to the EPA webpage [here](#). The EPA is also hosting a live demonstration and discussion via Zoom on October 8, 2020, at 2:00 pm CST to help facilitate systems in completing the survey. [You can register for the October 8th webinar here](#). This effort is not associated with or intended to inform any statutory requirement or regulatory action. From the team here at DNR’s Water Protection Program, thank you again for the time and effort you take to complete this important survey.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Congress Clears Stopgap Funding Bill, FAST Act Extension

The House and Senate have passed a “Continuing Resolution” to fund federal government programs through December 11 and extend expiring surface transportation programs for one year. President Trump signed the bill into law, avoiding a lapse at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

ACEC and other stakeholder groups, including AASHTO, had advocated for the one-year extension of the FAST Act to provide certainty and funding stability for state and local transportation agencies. The bill also includes a $13.6 billion transfer to the Highway Trust Fund to keep the account solvent through Fiscal Year 2021.

Lawmakers will attempt to finalize a package of annual appropriations bills in a post-election lame duck session of Congress. Legislative efforts on a long-term reauthorization of surface transportation programs will begin again with a new Congress next year.

Clean Water State Revolving Fund Regionalization Incentive Grant

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is accepting applications for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Regionalization Incentive Grant, beginning October 1, 2020, through December 31, 2020. Approximately $2.7 million is available to municipalities for projects to connect and accept wastewater from publicly or privately-owned facilities, located outside of the applicant’s service area, that are struggling to meet clean water regulations. Eligible recipients may use the grant for planning, designing, and constructing sewer extensions. This is a competitive grant opportunity. The Department will evaluate applications based on receiving
stream characteristics, need for regionalization, readiness to proceed, financial need, prior lending history with the Department, and the compliance status of the facility to be connected.

Missouri municipalities, as defined by 40 CFR 35.2005(27), proposing to build the connection for the purpose of receiving wastewater from another facility, may apply. Treatment plant upgrades, construction of a new treatment plant, or projects designed for future development are not eligible. Projects funded through this grant will provide an economic boost in their region and reduce the number of point sources releasing pollutants to Missouri’s waterways.

To learn more about the CWSRF Regionalization Incentive Grant, click [here](#). For more information about the application process, contact the Department’s Financial Assistance Center at 573-751-1192 or [fac@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:fac@dnr.mo.gov).

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**ACEC Seeks Clarification on Treatment of Forgiven PPP Loans, Firm Overhead Rates**

ACEC President Linda Bauer Darr sent a letter to the Treasury Department, the Small Business Administration, and the White House Office of Management and Budget seeking clarification that engineering firms do not need to provide a credit on government contracts for forgiven Paycheck Protection Program loans. A provision of the Federal Acquisition Regulations could require firms contracting with government agencies to calculate a credit to their indirect costs in the amount of a forgiven PPP loan. This would impact not only federal contracts, but State DOT contracts and others that apply the FAR cost principles.

“Requiring a credit from a small business government contractor who has properly qualified for loan forgiveness essentially requires them to repay the loan through such credits,” Darr explained in the letter. “The loan is thus not forgivable, contrary to the intent of the PPP program and harming small businesses at a time when they are attempting to recover from the economic downturn.”

When combined with the IRS ruling that covered costs are not tax deductible, the sum of the impact of the credit and the tax on the loan forgiveness could easily exceed the amount of the loan forgiveness. ACEC is asking that PPP implementation guidance make clear that the FAR credits clause (FAR 31.201-5) will not apply to the proceeds of PPP loans for small business government contractors who have properly qualified for loan forgiveness. The Council also shared the letter with key congressional committees and is seeking support from lawmakers.

Click [here](#) to view the letter. ACEC also recently hosted an online seminar, Understanding the Potential Impact of PPP Loan Forgiveness and Other Business Practices on Your FAR Overhead Rate, which is available on-demand.

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**Get Targeted, Market-Specific Insights with ACEC Private Industry Briefs**

Looking for targeted market insights to give your firm an edge? ACEC's [Private Industry Briefs](#) are your source for practical, detailed information on key A/E private-sector markets.

>> [Read the latest issue](#) focused on Data Centers & Telecommunications. The communications market sector is one of the few expected to grow over the coming years -- and may be the most resilient during the current pandemic-caused recession. In this issue of ACEC's Private Industry Briefs we take a deeper look into two significant parts of the communications sector: data centers, which are largely "vertical" projects; and telecommunications, which includes "horizontal" infrastructure focused on broadband.

Have a question? Contact Erin McLaughlin at [emclaughlin@acec.org](mailto:emclaughlin@acec.org) for answers and assistance.
Discounted ACEC Virtual Fall Conference Registration Deadline Extended to October 7

ACEC has extended the early-bird registration deadline for the virtual 2020 Fall Conference through October 7. Register now to save $100. The 2020 ACEC Fall Conference will be held October 28-30. Click here to view the Conference schedule. On October 7, registration fees for ACEC members will rise from $349 to $449 and for non-members from $549 to $649.

In addition, member firms will earn one free registration for every four paid Conference registrations. To qualify, registration and payment for a minimum of five members of the same firm must be received at one time. Click here for more information. Finally, all Conference sessions will be recorded and be available to registrants for 90 days after the Conference.

The ACEC Fall Conference is a can’t-miss event at this challenging and critical time for our industry. Below is a list of members currently registered for the conference. Let’s make a strong ACEC Missouri showing at the Virtual Conference and show ‘em how we do it in Missouri. Don’t delay and register today!

ACEC/MO Members Registered: Ed Alizadeh, Geotechnology, Inc.; Marc Alper, Alper Audi, Inc.; Buddy Desai, Hg Consult, Inc.; Bob Gilbert, Bartlett & West, Inc.; Vicki LaRose, Civil Design, Inc.; Dan Meckes, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.; Linda Moen, EFK Moen, LLC; Ed Mulcahy, TranSystems Corporation; Tony O’Malley, Lamp Rynearson, Inc.; and Bruce Wylie, ACEC/MO President.

ACEC/MO’s Virtual Fall Meeting on November 13

Make plans now to attend ACEC/MO’s Fall Meeting on Friday, November 13th, which will be held virtually. Below is a tentative schedule of events for the meeting. Once we have the details finalized, we’ll send out registration information. Please put November 13th on your calendar and plan to join us virtually!!

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:
7:50 AM - Environmental Committee Meeting
9:00 AM - Governmental Affairs / Transportation Joint Committee Meeting
10:10 AM - Business Practice Seminar on PPP Issues, Loan Forgiveness, Revenue Recognition Aspects and FAR/OH Rate Concerns
12:20 PM - Virtual Lunch Speaker: Steve Hall, ACEC (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

Missouri Chamber Transportation Future Virtual Conference on October 21-22

The Missouri Chamber is driving Missouri’s future as a logistics hub — from roads and bridges, to airports, rail, and waterways. Delve into this critical business issue with us at Transportation Future Virtual, a two-day virtual conference on October 21-22, 2020.
How have funding trends and the coronavirus pandemic affected the future of Missouri’s roads and bridges? And what’s next for our state? As director of MoDOT, Patrick McKenna oversees all operations of the Missouri Department of Transportation. Learn about the accomplishments of the past year and areas of focus for the future.

Also, sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information on sponsorships or to register for the conference, click here.

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**ENR's Webinar on Solving Problems Before They Happen with A.I.**

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, scheduled for **Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 1:00 PM**, ENR’s panel will let you know how to get past the hype around A.I. and find the benefits of these tools. To register for the webinar, click here. Can't attend live? Register to view the webinar on-demand!

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**2021 EEA Project Competition - Entries Due October 19th**

It's time again for our annual project competition! You can begin planning to submit your project entry for the ACEC/MO 2021 Engineering Excellence Awards (EEA) Competition. The deadline is **Monday, October 19, 2020** for the project entries to be submitted. All project entries must be submitted through ACEC/MO’s online EEA portal. Check it out!! You will submit your project entry online. The only items you must submit to the ACEC/MO office is a USB flash drive with all the materials you submitted online and your entry fee.

If you wish to print out the Call for Entries that includes the rules, please go to our [website](#). You can also click on a link from that same page to submit your project entries or click on the link above.

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**Time is Running Out to Register for ACEC/MO’s 4th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament**

ACEC/MO's 4th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament is scheduled for **Monday, October 19, 2020**. It will be held at the Columbia Country Club, 2210 N. Country Club Drive, Columbia, MO 65201. Registration begins at 10 am followed by a shotgun start at 11 am. The cost is $200 per person and includes green fees, cart, golf balls, prizes, refreshments, and lunch. We **EXTENDED** the deadline to register to **Friday, October 9, 2020**. To register for the golf tournament, click here and information is also available on our [website](#).

We still need corporate sponsors to help cover the costs for the tournament. The levels of sponsorship include: Platinum - $1,000; Gold - $750; and Silver - $500. For more information on being a sponsor, click here or go to
our [website](#). We also **EXTENDED** the deadline to send in your sponsor form to **Friday, October 9, 2020**. We want to thank the below list of sponsors we have so far.

![Gold Sponsors](#)  
**Burns McDonnell**, CMT, HG Consulting  

![Silver Sponsors](#)  
**CDI**, Oates Associates  

![Beverage Cart Sponsors](#)  
**Access Engineering**, GBA, **Greendell**  

**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.

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**More Member Renewals for 2020-21**

Thank you to the following member firms and associate members that have renewed since posted our report last week. Thank you for your recent membership renewal and your investment in ACEC/MO for the 2020-21 year!
Member News

Eleven professionals with ties to Missouri University of Science and Technology were inducted into the Missouri S&T Academy of Civil Engineers during a virtual induction ceremony held Friday, September 18. Among the new members inducted were Jason Dohrmann, vice president and regional director for H.R. Green’s transportation group; and Ty Sander, vice president of Crawford, Murphy and Tilly Inc.

Calendar of Events

October 19 -- ACEC/MO EEA Project Entry Deadline
October 19 -- ACEC/MO 4th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament, Columbia
October 28-30 -- ACEC National Virtual Fall Conference
November 10 -- ACEC/MO EEA Judging
November 13 -- ACEC/MO Virtual Fall Meeting

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