Items included in this ACEC Missouri Weekly Update are listed below.

- **Liaison Committee News** (Missouri Department of Transportation Headquarters Liaison Committee Meeting)

- **Industry News** (Upcoming Commercially Useful Function Review Webinar for DBE Firms; MDNR Water Protection Forum Meeting Agenda; ACEC Fall Conference Highlights; Upcoming Farm Bridge Program Industry Meeting)

- **COVID-19 News** (SBA Produces Questionnaire for PPP Borrowers $2 Million+ Loans; Submit Your Firm’s COVID-19-Related Project to ACEC Engineering Inc. by November 13; Purpose of Place - History and Future of the Office)

- **Notable Events** (Deadline Nears to Register for ACEC/MO’s Virtual Fall Meeting on November 13; Structural and Geo-Confluence 2020 Online Conference; Upcoming Free ENR Webinars; Registration is Open for ACEC/MO's 2021 Future Leaders Academy)

- **Member Information & Calendar** (ACEC Recognized Marc Alper for Outstanding Service; QBS Nominations Wanted; 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!

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**LIAISON COMMITTEE NEWS**

**Missouri Department of Transportation Headquarters Liaison Committee Meeting**

The Missouri Department of Transportation (HQ) / ACECMO Liaison Committee held a Zoom meeting on September 28, 2020. A list of everyone in attendance is listed under the photo below. Items discussed at the meeting included:

- MoDOT Staff and MTC Updates
- Updates from Director McKenna
- Effect of PPP Loans on FAR Overhead
- MoDOT’s State Legislative Priorities
- Ramping up Consultant Projects / Upcoming RFQ's
- Centralized Consultant Negotiation
- Training Opportunities.
To see the complete minutes from this meeting, click [here](#) or you can also download them from our [website](#) along with minutes from the most recent meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for **December 22, 2020 at 8:00 am** and it will be held virtually.

Left to right: Eric Schroeter, MoDOT; Linda Moen, ACEC/MO; Steve Wells, ACEC/MO; Julie Stotlemeyer, MoDOT, David Maxwell, ACEC/MO; Bruce Wylie, ACEC/MO; Jay Wunderlich, MoDOT; Kenny Voss, MoDOT; Howard Gotschall, ACEC/MO; Ed Alizadeh, ACEC/MO; Patrick McKenna, MoDOT; Todd Welz, ACEC/MO; Ed Hassinger, MoDOT; Vicki LaRose, ACEC/MO; Bob Gilbert, ACEC/MO; Travis Koestner, MoDOT; Dawn Hill, ACEC/MO; Dennis Heckman, MoDOT; Michelle Kratzer, MoDOT; and Aaron Kober, ACEC/MO.

## INDUSTRY NEWS

### Upcoming Commercially Useful Function Review Webinar for DBE Firms

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is hosting an upcoming Commercially Useful Function (UFC) Review Webinar on the below 3 dates. **Please note that space is limited with a maximum limit of 100 attendees per session and registration for these sessions will end on November 30, 2020.** Therefore, those desiring to sign-up, should do so as soon as possible. The link to the sign-up is included below. Please click on the link and complete the form and select the date you would like to attend. MoDOT will send calendar invites out to the individuals who signed up for each session. The invite will include the link you will need to attend the session you selected. Here are the available dates for the webinar:

- Wednesday, December 2, 2020 from 8:00am - 9:00am
- Wednesday, December 9, 2020 from 12:00pm - 1:00pm
- Wednesday, December 16, 2020 from 4:00pm - 5:00pm

[Click Here to Register for Commercially Useful Function Review Webinar](#)
MDNR Water Protection Forum Meeting Agenda Posted

The next meeting of the MDNR Water Protection Forum is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The agenda for the meeting is now posted on their website. To download the agenda or to review information from previous meetings, please refer to the Department website.

The health and safety of all visitors to state office buildings are priority. Due to concerns regarding novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, participants of the meeting will be required to attend via Webex using the link below or via telephone conference at the number below.

Join with Webex
Teleconference Call Number: 1-650-479-3207
Webex Meeting Number (Access Code): 133 253 9940
Meeting Password: Forum

ACEC Fall Conference Highlights

Missouri was well represented at the ACEC Virtual Fall Conference held on October 28-30, 2020. Those ACEC/MO member representatives in attendance were: Ed Alizadeh, Geotechnology, Inc.; Marc Alper, Alper Audi, Inc.; Mike DeBacker, Burns & McDonnell; Buddy Desai, Hg Consult, Inc.; Bob Gilbert, Bartlett & West, Inc.; Joe Hagerty, Oates Associates, Inc.; Vicki LaRose, Civil Design, Inc.; Gholam Masoumy, EDM Incorporated; Dan Meckes, Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.; Linda Moen, EFK Moen, LLC; Ed Mulcahy, TranSystems; Tony O'Malley, Lamp Rynearson; and Bruce Wylie, ACEC/MO President.

There were many great topics of discussion during the conference. To see highlights from some of those discussions, click on the links below.

- Panel Addresses Federal/Local Infrastructure Relationship
- Speaker Says Workplace D&I Efforts Need Courage to Succeed
- Congressional Panel Debates Infrastructure, Stimulus Prospects
- Keynote Speaker Stresses Importance of Pursuing Life's Dreams
- Charlie Cook Sees Uphill Battle for GOP to Keep White House, Senate
- Stakeholder Panel Optimistic About Infrastructure Legislation in 2021
- BST Global's Javier Baldor and Hank Tran Look at What's Next for AI in the AEC Industry

Upcoming Farm Bridge Program Industry Meeting

The FARM Bridge Program design-build project has scheduled the industry meeting for November 16, 2020 at 1:00 PM. The meeting will be conducted virtually only by telephone conference and by webinar. A MoDOT meeting location will NOT be provided. Questions, comments and concerns can be submitted through the chat feature of the webinar only.

Please use the link below for full instructions of how to join this virtual meeting: https://www.modot.org/media/29287.
SBA Produces Questionnaire for PPP Borrowers $2 Million+ Loans

In the spring, the Small Business Administration (SBA) announced that all Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans over $2 million would be audited or reviewed. The SBA recently produced a questionnaire that borrowers with PPP loans over $2 million will receive from their lenders. Borrowers must submit the completed questionnaire if they are seeking loan forgiveness. The questionnaire is in addition to the PPP loan forgiveness application that all borrowers seeking loan forgiveness must complete.

Click [here](#) for the questionnaire.

Submit Your Firm’s COVID-19-Related Project to ACEC Engineering Inc. by November 13

Several ACEC Member Firms who served on the front lines in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic were featured in the Spring 2020 issue of Engineering Inc. For the upcoming Winter 2021 issue, we would like to highlight four more ACEC members whose COVID-related projects helped a community address pandemic-related challenges.

If your company has a COVID-related project that you’d like to be considered for in this special Engineering Inc. section, please email the information below to Engineering Inc. Staff Editor Andrea Keeney by Friday, November 13, 2020:

- In a one- or two-page document, submit the following: project name and location; project overview, including unique aspects/challenges; a project photo; and the name, title, phone number and email address of the Member Firm executive to be interviewed for the project profile. The project can be under construction or recently completed.

If you have any questions, contact Andrea Keeney.

Purpose of Place - History and Future of the Office
by Cushman & Wakefield

Part 2 of our Series "New Perspective: From Pandemic to Performance."

The office is more than just a building – it’s a place where people come together to build connections, collaborate and innovate. The global pandemic has accelerated an evolution of the workplace and forced businesses to reconsider when and how to best use the office in the future, posing the ultimate question: what is the purpose of place?

Cushman & Wakefield partnered with top researchers from George Washington University to explore the history and what we might learn about the future in “Purpose of Place: History and Future of the Office.” In this report, we
also present findings related to the impact of remote work on productivity, collaboration / innovation, culture, employee experience and engagement. We also explore the importance of walkable urban environments, and discuss the importance of workplace environments on business outcomes.

Download the Report  
Listen to Podcast  
Register for Webinar

NOTABLE EVENTS

Deadline Nears to Register for ACEC/MO's Virtual Fall Meeting on November 13

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. The deadline to register is Monday, November 9th. Registration information is posted on our website or you can register by clicking here. 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 Mark Baum, Senior Vice President, 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!)

ACEC/PAC RAFFLE:
Also, during the meeting we will have our annual Fall Meeting ACEC/PAC Raffle. Prizes we are raffling off include: Golf for 4 at Columbia Country Club; Golf for 4 at Meadowbrook Country Club; and two $100 Amazon Gift Cards. Raffle tickets are $50 each. We'll do the drawing during our Networking Happy Hour on November 13th. For a chance to win one of 4 prizes, click here. (You don't have to be present at the meeting to win.)

Structural and Geo-Confluence 2020 Online Conference

Registration is open for the 5th annual Structural and Geo-Confluence, hosted by the St. Louis Chapters of SEI and GI. This four-day ONLINE conference is open to all. Registrants will earn up to 2 PDHs per day, 8 PDHs total.

AGENDA

Session 1 - Thursday, November 5 - 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM (2 PDHs)
- The Engineering Design of the St. Louis City SC Stadium
- Lessons Learned from Litigation Caused by Expansive Clays
Session 2 - Friday, November 6 - 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM (2 PDHs)
- San Francisco’s Sinking Millennium Tower
- Seismic Retrofit of Merchants Bridge

Session 3 - Thursday, November 12 - 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM (2 PDHs)
- Observing and Controlling Ground Behavior during Tunneling
- Intro to Blasting - Impact of Geotechnical Information and Blasting Techniques on Cost and Results

Session 4 - Friday, November 13 - 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM (2 PDHs)
- Incorporation of Thunderstorm and Tornado Loading in Wind Load Codes and Standards
- Underpinning Prairie: Micropiles Support Prairie Du Sac Dam

More Information
For this online event, individual registration is required for our PDH verification records, no group registrations. Login information for this online event will be provided to registrants the day before each session, using the email address entered during registration. Registration may be transferred to another person by advanced email notice to both Stephanie Spann and Greg Hempen. To register, click here.

Upcoming Free ENR Webinars

Building an Effective, Integrated Construction Application Ecosystem
November 10, 2020 at 1:00 PM
Learn more »

Connected Data: The Construction Game Changer
November 11, 2020 at 1:00 PM
Learn more »

Ensuring the Safety of Women Workers: What Companies Need to Know
November 12, 2020 @ 1:00 PM
Learn more »

WIP Your Cash Flow into Shape: Best Practices for Cash Management and Forecasting in 2021
November 17, 2020 at 1:00 PM
Learn more »

Powering Through: Tech Investments Keep Specialty Contractors Going
November 18, 2020 at 1:00 PM
Learn more »
**Registration is Open for ACEC/MO’s 2021 Future Leaders Academy**

Does your firm have a candidate for ACEC/MO's 2021 Future Leaders Academy (FLA)? Registration for the 5th Annual FLA program is now open. The dates for the 2021 FLA program are set for **May 4-5** in Jefferson City; **June 2-3** in St. Louis; and **July 6-7** in Independence.

The FLA is an extensive leadership program for young leaders in private consulting firms committed to developing their leadership abilities. The program is most beneficial to those participants with approximately 8-15 years of industry experience. These highly interactive sessions are taught by experts in the field of business administration and people management in professional service firms.

Registration information was recently emailed out and is posted on our [website](https://acecmo.org). To register for the 2021 FLA Program, click on the "Register Now for ACEC/MO's 2021 Future Leaders Academy" link below. If you want a spot in the 2021 class, please send in your registration form or contact Dawn Hill at 573-634-4080 or [DawnHill@acecmo.org](mailto:DawnHill@acecmo.org).

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**ACEC Recognized Marc Alper for Outstanding Service**

**Marc H. Alper**, PE, SE, principal of Alper Audi, Inc., recently received the 2020 ACEC Chair Emeritus Award for outstanding service and support. A 50-year veteran of the industry, Marc has been highly active with ACEC for many years. He has also served on the ACEC Business Insurance Trust as well as the ACEC Life/Health Insurance Trust.

Marc was presented the award during ACEC's Virtual Fall Conference in October. Congratulations Marc for this great honor!

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**QBS Nominations Wanted**

The ACEC/MO QBS Award was established to recognize outstanding support of the Qualifications-Based Selection procedures. The contributions can be made in many forms but must embody a commitment to and support and promotion of QBS. ACEC/MO gives an annual award in the categories of government and non-government. If you work with a public or private client that uses or has converted to the QBS method, go to our [website](https://acecmo.org) for a nomination form if you want to submit them for an award.

The deadline to submit a nomination form is **December 31, 2020**. The award will be given at ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting on February 5, 2021 in Chesterfield.
Member News

**Barr Engineering Company** announced that they acquired King & MacGregor Environmental, Inc. (KME), a leading Michigan-based provider of natural resource consulting and environmental services. With KME, Barr expands its environmental capabilities and water resources practice.

**Ross & Baruzzini, Inc.** is excited to announce the following: **Ryan Cooper**, Mechanical Engineer, is their newest team member in their Kansas City office; and **Shanna Evans**, Content Marketing Specialist, has joined their Corporate Marketing team in St. Louis.

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Calendar of Events

- **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
- **May 4-5, 2021** -- ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, Jefferson City
- **June 2-3, 2021** -- ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, St. Louis
- **July 6-7, 2021** -- ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy, Independence
- **August 23, 2021** -- ACEC/MO 5th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament, Columbia

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