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

- **Future/Past Events & Reminders** (Upcoming Deadline Reminders; Wylie Attended NAECE Meeting in Naples, FL)

- **Industry News** (St. Louis Construction Guidelines for Review; 2020 Economic Forecast for the Engineering Industry; ACEC President’s Monthly Report)

- **Legislative News** (ACEC/MO Weekly Legislative Updates Coming Soon; MFTI Legislative Days Announced for 2020)

- **Member Information & Calendar** (Associate Members Now Eligible for ACEC Retirement Trust; 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!

**FUTURE/PAST EVENTS & REMINDERS**

**Upcoming Deadline Reminders**

**ACEC/MO 2020 Future Leaders Academy**: The deadline to register for ACEC/MO's 2020 Future Leaders Academy (FLA) is **January 3, 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. Go to **ACEC/MO’s website** or click on the graphic to register now.

**ACEC/MO QBS Award Nominations**: The ACEC/MO QBS Award Nomination Forms are due **December 31st**. If you work with a public or private client that uses or has converted to the QBS method and you feel they deserve an award, go to our **website** for a nomination form to submit them for an award.
WYLIE ATTENDED NAECE MEETING IN NAPLES, FL

Bruce Wylie, CEO, represented #ACECMISSOURI at ACEC National state member organizations (M.O.s) executives meeting in Florida recently to learn more about common M.O. issues and also provide facilitated input to ACEC's brand new national strategic plan.

INDUSTRY NEWS

St. Louis Construction Guidelines for Review

Members of the Construction Alliance (ACEC/MO, AIA-St. Louis, AGCMO, CSI-STL, IFMA-St. Louis and SLCCC) meet bi-monthly to continually update the guidelines to keep pace with current industry practices. The complete set of Construction Guidelines are housed on the AGC of Missouri's website under the Member Resources tab. The link below is this month's featured Construction Guideline for review, comments, thoughts, suggested updates or edits, etc. We encourage you to send your thoughts to Denise Hasty.

- Material Removal and Disposal

2020 Economic Forecast for the Engineering Industry

ACEC hosts an Engineering Influence podcast series and in a recent episode they asked Richard Branch, Chief Economist for Dodge Data and Analytics, what the future holds for the engineering industry in 2020. Richard speaks about the construction outlook for next year. To see the complete transcript from this episode or to listen to the podcast, click here.

ACEC President's Monthly Update

The highlight of last month was Chair Mitch Simpler and Former Chair Manish Kothari participating in a trade delegation to Thailand, Indonesia, and Vietnam with Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross. ACEC was the only trade association in the delegation, and Mitch and Manish met with government officials from each country to discuss how U.S. firms can help with their infrastructure, energy, and economic needs. Closer to home, the
Planning Cabinet met with senior staff at the Council offices mid-month to lay out steps for implementing the new ACEC Strategic Plan. They heard staff proposals and generated new ideas that support the goals and objectives laid out in the Plan. The next step is to discuss the Plan with MO executives at the annual NAECE Winter Meeting in Naples, Fla. in early December. Click here to view the Strategic Plan. – Linda Bauer Darr

**Membership**
- Thanks to all the member firms who participated in our Ownership Transfer and Management Succession survey. We had a strong response (200+ firms). We will conduct follow-up interviews in December and plan to release the survey results in April 2020.
- We had a strong turnout for the November 13 The NAECE Executive Toolkit webinar Effective Utilization of Referrals and Testimonials.

**Government Advocacy**
- Our biggest win during the month was helping to secure repeal of the $7.6 billion rescission of federal highway funding originally included in the FAST Act for July 2020. Click here to see the state-by-state funding map.
- ACEC/PAC is within $100,000 of raising $1 million for the fourth consecutive year.
- We sent a letter to Senate leadership urging them to move forward with bipartisan energy technology and environmental legislation.
- Along with the AIA, we met with the Internal Revenue Service to discuss audit problems faced by engineering firms when claiming the R&D tax credit and potential industry-specific guidance.
- At the ACEC townhouse, we hosted dinners for Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Representative Bruce Westerman (R-AR) and a breakfast for Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-OR). Our government affairs staff also met with six Congressional candidates and five freshman members.
- With our coalition partners, we sent a letter urging Congress to extend expired tax provisions, including the Section 179D energy-efficient commercial buildings deduction and the Section 45 production tax credit for renewables.
- We met with Administration officials at the White House to urge publication of a proposed rule on NEPA implementation.
- In a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers, we raised concerns that proposed changes in Task Order Competition will add cost and time to the AE procurement process and limit competition for both firms and the Corps.
- ACEC senior staff presented at a water policy forum for ACEC/Texas in San Antonio and at the ACEC/Louisiana Fall meeting.
- The Engineering Influence podcast has surpassed the 5,000-download mark.

**Meetings**
- The online portal is now open for the 2020 ACEC Annual Convention & Legislative Summit, April 26-29, 2020 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. Click here to register for the Convention and to book your hotel room. We will add information about speakers and events as it becomes available so check back often.
- Submissions for the 2020 Engineering Excellence Awards competition are due on January 3, 2020. Click here for entry information. The Annual EEA Gala will be on Tuesday evening, April 28, 2020, during the Annual Convention.

**Business Resources**
- With more than 24 participants, New Overtime Rule: What Your Firm Needs to Know, was the most popular November online class and helped member firms understand and prepare for the finalized changes to the overtime pay rules under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) that will take effect on January 1, 2020.
• Senior Executives Institute (SEI) Class 24 met in San Francisco for their fourth session, where they discussed new professional practice models, leading change, adaptive work, HR, and scenario planning.
• Pathways to Executive Leadership Class 4 met online for their second session, focusing on delegation, time management, and next steps.
• We held the Navigating Firm Financials for a Well-Executed Transition course on Nov 14-15 in Washington, DC at ACEC National offices.
• The Registered Continuing Education Program (RCEP) added 3 new providers in November—Mestek, Inc., Informa, New England Intelligent Transportation Society—bringing the total of approved providers to 180.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

ACEC/MO Weekly Legislative Updates Coming Soon

Pre-filing of bills for the 2020 Legislative Session began on December 2nd. In the first week, 387 House bills and House joint resolutions and 277 Senate bills and Senate joint resolutions were pre-filed. The 2020 Legislative Session will officially begin on January 8th. Keep an eye on your email inbox for ACEC/MO weekly legislative reports during the session. Each week, we’ll send an email to members that includes a weekly lobbyist report, a list of bills we are tracking, upcoming hearings, and other opportunities for you to engage your elected officials.

MFTI Legislative Days Announced for 2020

The Missourians for Transportation Investment (MFTI) - previously Mercury Alliance - has set 2020 dates for their monthly Legislative Day in the Capitol (see below). The first Legislative Day is scheduled for January 15, 2020. The day will begin with a brief orientation at 10 a.m. at the AGC of Missouri office, 1221 Jefferson Street, Jefferson City. During orientation, participants will receive an update on transportation investment legislation and handouts to share with their state senators and representatives. Following orientation, participants will meet with their elected officials to share information on the importance of increased transportation investment. Participants will also have an opportunity to meet with legislative and executive branch leaders to discuss transportation investment.

There is no cost to attend, however registration is required. To register for the January 15, 2020 MFTI Legislative Day, send an email to info@mfti.org and include your name and say that you are with ACEC/MO.

MFTI 2020 Legislative Day in the Capitol Dates:
• Wednesday, January 15, 2020
• Tuesday, February 11, 2020
• Tuesday, March 10, 2020 (tentative)
• Wednesday, April 15, 2020
• Wednesday, May 6, 2020
MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR

Associate Members Now Eligible for ACEC Retirement Trust

We are happy to report that the ACEC Retirement Trust has expanded its eligibility for participation to include Associate Members. The Retirement Trust currently provides retirement plan services for participating ACEC member firms. To participate in the Retirement Trust, an Associate Member must be certified by ACEC/MO as a member in good standing. Such participation in the Trust will terminate if an Associate Member discontinues its membership.

More information on the ACEC Retirement Trust and the benefits can be found at https://acecrt.com/.

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.