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

- **Future Events & Reminders** *(ACEC/MO 2020 Future Leaders Academy; Important Reminders)*
- **Industry News** *(Economic Impact of Engineering Industry in Missouri; ACEC's 3Q Economic Outlook Highlights Potential Upsides for U.S. Economy; State Expenditures on Transportation Climb in 2019, Water Spending Drops)*
- **Committee / Liaison Committee Reports** *(MoDOT Headquarters Liaison Committee Meeting)*
- **Member Information & Calendar** *(ACEC/MO's 2020 Directory; Member News; 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 EVENTS & REMINDERS

**ACEC/MO 2020 Future Leaders Academy**

Time is running out to register for ACEC/MO's 2020 Future Leaders Academy (FLA). The registration deadline 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](http://www.acecmo.org) for registration details, a list of confirmed speakers, and a list of participants registered so far.

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**Important Reminders**

**QBS Award Nominations Due Tuesday, December 31st:** The ACEC/MO QBS Award was established to recognize outstanding support of the Qualifications-Based Selection procedures. The contributions can made in many forms but must embody a commitment to and support and promotion of QBS. If you work with a public or private client that uses or has converted to the
QBS method, go to our website for a nomination form if you want to submit them for an award. The deadline to submit a nomination form is December 31, 2019 and the award will be given at ACEC/MO’s Winter Meeting on February 28, 2020 in Chesterfield.

**INDUSTRY NEWS**

### Economic Impact of Engineering Industry in Missouri

To see up-to-date statistics on the economic impact of the engineering industry in the United States and Missouri, please go to our website or click on the graphic. The data will show construction spending put in place for 2006-2017; engineering employment figures; engineering industry pay; state transportation spending as a percent of total expenditures; housing permits; and gas taxes by state and last rate increase. This is very impactful information you can use for multiple reasons but is also a great piece to use when visiting elected officials.

### ACEC’s 3Q Economic Outlook Highlights Potential Upsides for U.S. Economy

The latest ACEC Private Market Briefs-Economic Outlook Q3 looks at business economists’ views on the greatest upside risks to the economy. In a survey by the National Association for Business Economics, more than a third of participating macroeconomic forecasters said the greatest potential upside for the economy was “Reduced Trade Protectionism” (35 percent), followed closely by “Strong Wage Growth” (27 percent).

The Outlook also updates the Five Key Macroeconomic Trends and reports that most key A/E/C economic indicators remain strong, including the U.S. Census Bureau’s preliminary estimate of total A/E revenues, which rose for the second consecutive quarter to $91.73 billion. There are some signs of softening, such as FMI’s Non-Residential Construction Index, which fell to its lowest score in more than seven years. Click here to view the Outlook.

### State Expenditures on Transportation Climb in 2019, Water Spending Drops

Strong tax collections over the past several years have led to record state expenditures, with the total reaching $2.1 trillion in FY2019, up from $2.0 trillion in FY2018, according to the annual report from the National Association of State Budget Officers. Transportation was the largest capital expenditure, climbing 9.3 percent in FY2019 to $73.1 billion, an annual increase of 9.3 percent. That comes on the heels of a 2.8 percent decline in state transportation spending in 2018. Since 2010, state transportation
spending has averaged 4.9 percent annual growth. In contrast, state spending on environmental projects, including water and wastewater, fell 5.6 percent in FY2019 to $6.4 billion. Since 2010, environmental spending has grown at an average annual 1.3 percent rate. Other large FY2019 capital expenditure categories were Higher Education (up 2.4 percent to $12.1 billion), Corrections (up 5.7 percent to $1.2 billion), and All-Other - including parks hospitals, community development projects and information technology systems (up 13 percent to $17.2 billion). Click here to read the complete report.

COMMITTEE / LIAISON COMMITTEE REPORTS

MoDOT Headquarters Liaison Committee Meeting

The ACEC/MO / MoDOT (HQ) Liaison Committee met on November 14th in Jefferson City. Items discussed included: MoDOT staff updates; AASHTO Project Award for Missouri/Illinois Projects in St. Louis; update on grants and funding; Missourians for Transportation Investment; federal funds rescission; STIP and unfunded needs process; MoDOT Alternative Project Delivery Forum; design/build project update; 2D hydraulic modeling; DBE statewide goal; and MoDOT & LPA MOU proposals.

To see the complete minutes from this meeting as well as other recent meetings, go to our website.

MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR

ACEC/MO's 2020 Directory

Be on the lookout for ACEC/MO's 2020 Directory of member firms, which will be mailed out early next week. We also have a PDF version of the directory on our website that we keep up-to-date since we get a lot of changes throughout the year. Another way to search for information on our members listed in the Directory is through a searchable database, which is also on our website.

If you see changes that need to be made to your firm's listing in the 2020 Directory once you receive it, please contact the ACEC/MO office and we'll update the online versions on our website.

Member News

Bartlett & West, Inc. announced that Neil S. Brady, P.E., recently joined their Springfield office. As a proven leader in engineering with more than 23 years of experience, Brady will be integral in furthering Bartlett & West's presence in Springfield and the surrounding region.
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.