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- **Industry News** *(Presidential Candidates Discuss Infrastructure Funding; New DOD Cybersecurity Regulations Could Adversely Impact Small Contractors; New RFPs/RFQs Posted on ACEC/MO Website)*

- **Notable Events** *(MDNR Brownfield Redevelopment Workshop Series; ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet)*

- **Member Information & Calendar** *(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!

**INDUSTRY NEWS**

**Presidential Candidates Discuss Infrastructure Funding**

The first ever presidential candidate forum on infrastructure was a resounding success. ACEC hosted and streamed the broadcast of Moving America Forward: A Presidential Candidate Forum on Infrastructure, Jobs, and Building a Better America, which was held on Sunday, February 16th. Taking part in the forum were Senator Amy Klobuchar; former Vice President Joe Biden; South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, and hedge fund financier Tom Steyer. Jerry Seib and Jeanne Cummings of *The Wall Street Journal* moderated the forum.

This forum was the first event of its kind to focus on a singular issue of extreme importance to voters: how the candidates for the White House would lead Congress and the nation towards an infrastructure designed for America’s future, not its past. ACEC’s leadership was there to reinforce the value of engineering to society and its importance in designing a built environment that makes America competitive.

The need for leadership is evident at every turn. Congress’ years-long failure to address Highway Trust Fund shortfalls have led to the annual gap between Trust Fund revenues and annual expenditures projected to grow to $20 billion by 2021. The Army Corps of Engineers is
experiencing a backlog of projects totaling $100 billion for essential water improvements. 44 percent of major roads are in poor condition and 23 percent of bridges are structurally deficient.

America’s engineering industry will play an essential role in designing a future where our roads, bridges, airports and ports are not only in a state of good repair but poised to take advantage of new opportunities for trade and innovations in safety, resiliency and connectivity. ACEC’s member firms have the talent and expertise to transform the public space as long as there is vision from the top to let it happen.

To see the full press release from ACEC on the presidential forum, click [HERE](#). To see the C-SPAN coverage from the forum, click [HERE](#).

**New DOD Cybersecurity Regulations Could Adversely Impact Small Contractors**

Small Department of Defense contractors are expected to be hardest hit by new cybersecurity standards that the Pentagon plans to release at the end of January. About 300,000 contractors will be subject to cyber auditing and certification under the DOD’s Cybersecurity Maturity Model Certification (CMMC). While many large contractors have instituted cybersecurity protections, experts report that many medium and small-size firms are unprepared.

“This can be a burden to small companies, particularly,” Pentagon Acquisition Chief Ellen Lord told Bloomberg Law. “So we have been working with the primes, with the industry associations, with the mid-tiers, with the small companies on how we can most effectively roll this out so it doesn’t cause an enormous cost penalty for the industrial base.”

Click [here](#) to read the Bloomberg Law article on the potential impact of the CMMC.

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

ACEC/MO updated our website to include new RFPs/RFQs we received from the City of Warsaw, St. Louis County and MoDOT. To see the all new RFPs/RFQs we posted, please go to our [website](#). We update this page on our website on a weekly basis so please check it often.

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**NOTABLE EVENTS**

**MDNR Brownfield Redevelopment Workshop Series**

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) is hosting two Brownfield Redevelopment Workshops. They are scheduled for **Thursday, February 20** and **Wednesday, March 25**. They will be held at the Jefferson City Area Chamber of Commerce, 213 Adams Street, Jefferson City, MO 65101. The February 20th workshop is on 'Potential Funding and Resource Providers for Brownfield Redevelopment' and will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The March 25th workshop is on 'Grant Writing' and will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Registration is **FREE** and you are invited to sign up for one of both workshops. To register for the workshops, email: [MissouriBrownfields@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:MissouriBrownfields@dnr.mo.gov) or call: 573-526-8913.
ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet

We are making final preparations for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet to be held on February 28-29 in Chesterfield. The complete schedule of events along with the meeting locations will be sent out to registrants soon along with other details for the meeting. We want to again thank the sponsors on the graphic to the right for sponsoring the Design Excellence Reception and the Awards Banquet.

MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR

Member News

Burns & McDonnell announced that for the 10th year, they have been named one of the 100 Best Companies to Work For, according to global people analytics and consulting firm Great Place to Work and Fortune. The 100% employee-owned engineering, architecture and construction firm secured the No. 65 spot on this year's list. They also announced that The Kansas City Business Journal and Healthiest Employers LLC named the firm the No. 1 Healthiest Employer in the 5,000+ Employees category. This is the third consecutive year the firm has been recognized among the Healthiest Employers in Kansas City.

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
October 19, 2020 - 4th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament, Columbia
November 13, 2020 - Fall Meeting, Columbia

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