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- **Member Information & Calendar** *(World’s Largest Golf Tournament to Benefit ACEC/PAC; 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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**COVID-19 NEWS**

**Protection in Uncertain Times - Everything You Need to Know about PPP Loans**

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) provides a forgivable loan to small businesses to directly incentivize keeping workers on the payroll during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Small Business Administration (SBA) will forgive loan repayment so long as specific employee retention criteria are met and the funds are used for eligible expenses.

In these precarious times, retention of PPP funds is critically important to its recipients. Unfortunately, with a new program comes uncertain regulation. To learn more, click [here](#).
Covering Coronavirus: Risk Management and Employee Benefits Considerations

The global COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic remains both dynamic and fluid. We continue to see unprecedented disruptions at home and abroad. In this issue, we take a focused look at the below topics. To see the complete issue, click here.

- Insights Gained from July Renewals
- Liability Protection Sticking Point of Potential Virus Aid
- OSHA Revises Employee Medical Records Rule
- EPIC Team Trains 1,000 for Nationwide Event
- Judge Expands Virus Paid Leave Rule
- Presumptive Compensability Legislation Update
- Insights from Across the Firm

Visit epicbrokers.com/coronavirus to catch up on all our coverage.

ASCE Highlights Construction-Ready Projects on New Map - Group Asks Congress to Pass COVID-19 Infrastructure Package

by Pam Radtke Russell; Engineering News Record

Hundreds of infrastructure projects across the nation ready to be built and awaiting federal funding could help put many people back to work, according to the American Society of Civil Engineers, which released a map July 29 highlighting some of those projects.

“At a time when people are confined to their homes, need jobs and with low interest rates for project funding, we have an opportunity to fast-track construction, but America is stuck until Congress acts,” said ASCE President K.N. Gunalan in a statement. The map highlights about 50 sites where work could be completed if Congress were to pass a comprehensive infrastructure package, [.....]

Click here to read the full article from ENR.

The Essential Engineer: Finding Beneficial Solutions for Clients and Communities

by Mark Bellon, IMEG Corp

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought challenges to nearly every workplace and home across the country, and for many of us, those challenges have become opportunities for adaptation and development. Whether it’s having your entire workforce work from home for the first time or figuring out how to decontaminate a large facility to continue serving clients, the pandemic has changed much about how we think about our work.

This era also has brought to light which services and professions are essential. Civil engineering by nature is a profession that brings public health, safety, and wellness to communities with every project. Among other things, civil engineers ensure that people have clean water, that wastewater drains appropriately, that roads allow for easy passage and emergency access, and that utilities reach their destinations. Such engineering [.....]

To read the full article, click here.
LIAISON COMMITTEE NEWS

Division of Facilities Management, Design & Construction Liaison Committee Meeting

The Missouri Division of Facilities Management, Design & Construction / ACECMO / AIA Liaison Committee held a Zoom meeting on August 12, 2020. Members in attendance were: Mike Davis, Dana Halladay, J.R. Landeck, Vicki LaRose, Paul Reitz, Chad Schrand, Steve Schultz, and Dick Scott. Items discussed at the meeting included:

- FMDC Staff Changes
- New Project Management System called eBuilder
- How COVID-19 Affected the State's Budget for FMDC Projects
- Discussion on Planned Projects Being Withdrawn or Pushed Back
- Future Projects Coming Out
- Policy on Meeting with Consultants Virtually Versus Face-to-Face.

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 2, 2020 at 10 am. It is set up to be held at ACEC/MO's office but may be held virtually instead.

INDUSTRY NEWS

2020 Second Quarter A/E Revenues Declined 9% Compared to 2019 Q2

In the U.S. Census Bureau's Advance Quarterly Services Report for the second quarter of 2020 (April-June), A/E sector revenues totaled $80.2 billion, a 9 percent decline from same quarter last year and a 7 percent decline from the first quarter of 2020. The second quarter is important benchmark because it was the first full quarter to bear the brunt of the of the COVID-19 recession. Economic declines began after the pandemic-related shutdowns started in mid-March, near the end of the first quarter. 2020 will be very different from 2019, in which A/E revenues reached an all-time high of $89.93 billion in the fourth quarter, according to the Census Bureau.

DoD Wins 5-Week Waiver on Firms Having to Certify Non-Use of Banned Chinese Telecom Equipment

The Department of Defense has been granted a temporary waiver until September 30 to implement Sec. 889 (B). The regulation, which took effect on August 13, requires companies doing business with the federal government to certify that their firms are not using certain banned, Chinese-made, telecommunications equipment, such as those made by Huawei and ZTE. ACEC joined with other business groups in requesting a
longer delay to allow impacted firms to better prepare. Member firms have already reported that contracts are being modified to require firms to certify that they are not using these items.

While the five-week reprieve is not the length the contractor community sought, the Director of National Intelligence acknowledged that a longer-term waiver following a review of the impact on the contracting industry may be necessary to avoid any further delays in procuring goods and services. Click here for more information.

**NOTABLE EVENTS**

**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**.

You'll get updates on current efforts and discuss exciting new innovations and fresh solutions. Not only will you hear presentations from top industry professionals, policymakers and thought leaders, you'll be the first to see a new data-packed Missouri Chamber study, Making Missouri the Logistics Hub of the Nation.

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

**Confident Presence for Networking – Virtual or In-Person Webinar**

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 23, 2020  
**TIME:** 9:00 – 11:00 am  
**REGISTRATION FEE:** Member: $20 / Non-Member: $30 / CPSM: $15  
**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Friday, September 18, 2020. Click HERE to register. (ACEC/MO members will receive $10 off the registration fee. To get the code for the $10 off, contact Dawn Hill.) 2 CPSM CEUs and 2 PDHs are available for this program.

SagePresence is returning to St. Louis in a virtual setting after their highly successful program in 2019. SagePresence is a nationally recognized consulting team that empowers firms in the A/E/C industry to communicate in a compelling and persuasive way. Many of us have a sense that we should be networking more than we currently are, or maybe more effectively than we currently are. It seems that most, if not all, of the most successful people we know have succeeded not just because of what they knew, but also because of who they knew, or maybe more importantly, who knew them. So, we understand that networking is important and valuable, but it’s easy to get stopped right out of the gate when we try. We get hung up around questions like:

- How do you start a conversation with someone you don’t know?  
- How do you talk about yourself?  
- How is a networking conversation supposed to go, anyway?
Sometimes you give it a try and it seems to go okay, but it’s hard to know how to measure success. Other times it can be painful. Often it’s a wash. All of this uncertainty can add up to feelings of discomfort or awkwardness or anxiety, which tend to get in the way of doing well, and can keep us from even trying in the first place. Confident Presence for Networking is a fun and interactive presentation where SagePresence will give us:

- A game-changing new understanding of what the challenge of networking is all about.
- A whole new level of comfort and ability around networking.
- An ability to lead productive networking conversations with anyone, anywhere.
- Recommendations on how to maintain energy in the virtual space.
- An understanding of the difference between virtual and in-person networking.

From start to finish, this is a session designed to help us get clear on what we want when we network and what gets in our way of experiencing that, and then quickly and efficiently takes care of those barriers, replacing awkwardness with ease, uncertainty with clarity, and anxiety with excitement.

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**Upcoming NAPA Webinars**

Below is a list of upcoming FREE webinars provided by the National Asphalt Pavement Association. Click on the links below for more information and to register for the webinars.

**Commercial Parking Lots - Why Parking Lots Matter**, Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 2:00 PM


**Recycled Asphalt Pavements (RAP) Part 2: Mix Design and Laboratory Performance Testing**, Wednesday, October 7, 2020 at 2:00 PM

**Recycled Asphalt Pavements (RAP) Part 3: Field Performance and the User Experience**, Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 2:00 PM

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**FYI...More Free Webinars**

Below is a list of upcoming FREE webinars provided by other companies. Click on the links below for more information and to register for the webinars.

**Bluebeam Revu: Improving Project Quality with Built-in, Real-time Studio Collaboration**

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 1:00 PM

Bluebeam Revu is a productivity solution built for today’s AEC industry, designed to improve quality and increase efficiency across the project lifecycle. But did you know you can use Revu to markup documents with your teammates in real time, even when they aren’t in the office with you? In this webinar we’ll cover: The role digital collaboration plays in construction today; Studio Session & Project functionality; Creating Studio Sessions & Projects; Sending Invitations and setting up permissions; and Leveraging the Studio Session Record. Can’t attend live? Register to view the webinar on-demand!
2021 EEA Project Competition Begins - 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.

The Engineering Excellence Committee will meet on August 21st to begin confirming judges and those names will be posted on our website along with other pertinent information. Below are important dates for the competition so please be sure to put them on your calendar.

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.

**Important EEA Dates:**

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**ACEC/MO’s 4th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament**

**WHEN:** Monday, October 19, 2020  
**WHERE:** Columbia Country Club, Columbia, MO  
**DEADLINE TO REGISTER:** September 28, 2020

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**
ACEC/MO's 4th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament is a great way for members to contribute to the ACEC National PAC and also a way to network with your peers. The golf club will have the necessary safety measures in place. We are working with them on how we will proceed with lunch, beverages, golf carts, etc. and we'll keep you informed. To register for the golf tournament, click [here](#) and information is also available on our [website](#).

**SPONSOR INFORMATION:**
We also have opportunities for member firms to get recognition for being sponsors of the event. A current listing of sponsors is listed below and on our website. For more information on being a sponsor, click [here](#) or go to our [website](#).

**Gold Sponsors:** Hg Consult, Inc.  
**Silver Sponsors:** Oates Associates, Inc.  
**Beverage Cart Sponsors:** GBA, Inc.
MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR

World's Largest Golf Tournament to Benefit ACEC/PAC

Join in—no matter where you are! How? It's simple! Grab a few colleagues and head out to your favorite course! Make a donation to the PAC and send in your scores. We'll host an awards night in September to give out prizes! *(All ACEC/PAC contributions will go towards meeting our goal for the national PAC.)* To see the details to play golf or to sign up a team, click on the links below.

[Sign up here to host a team!](#)
[See all of the details here!](#)

Member News

**McClure Engineering Company** is pleased to announce they came in at No. 2,379 on *Inc. Magazine’s* annual Inc.5000 list, the most prestigious ranking of the nation's fastest-growing private companies.

Calendar of Events

**August 21** -- ACEC/MO Summer Meeting - virtual
**September 1-2** -- ACEC/MO Future Leaders Academy - virtual
**October 14** -- ACEC/MO EEA Project Entry Deadline
**October 19** -- ACEC/MO 4th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament, Columbia
**October 28-30** -- ACEC Fall Conference - virtual
**November 4** -- ACEC/MO EEA Judging
**November 13** -- ACEC/MO Fall Meeting, Columbia

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