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- **Liaison Committee News** *(St. Louis County Liaison Committee Meeting)*
- **Industry News** *(Congress Poised to Extend Federal Transportation Programs; The ACEC Business Insurance Trust Program Offers Cyber Insurance to Protect ACEC Member Firms; Improvements Made to Help Identify Regionalization Opportunities; Risk Management Site Under the ACEC Business Insurance Trust)*
- **Notable Events** *(ACEC National Virtual Fall Conference in October; ACEC/MO's Virtual Fall Meeting on November 13; 2021 EEA Project Competition - Entries Due October 19th; ACEC/MO’s 4th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament; ACEC/MO Members Attend ACEC Young Professional Series Webinars)*
- **Member Information & Calendar** *(Member Renewals for 2020-21; State and National PAC Contributions Recognized; 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**

**St. Louis County Liaison Committee Meeting**

The St. Louis County / ACECMO Liaison Committee met on September 23, 2020. ACEC/MO members that attended were Darrell Eilers, Mike Erdtmann, Tyson King, Dave Maxwell, Tim Nugent, Bob Orr and Travis Pfeiffer. Items they discussed during the meeting included:

- Overview of ACEC and purpose of Liaison Committees
- Director Update
- Department of Transportation Staff Update
- Update on St. Louis County "Cone of Silence" Ordinance
- Contracting / Scoping Items
- M/WBE & Diversity Update / Program Implementation
• Training Opportunities

To see the complete minutes from the meeting, click here. The minutes are also posted on ACEC/MO’s website along with minutes from the most recent meetings. The next meeting will be sometime in February or March 2021.

COVID-19 NEWS

Global Office Impact Study & Recovery Timing Report

This study is the first in a four-part series that provides a new perspective on COVID-19’s impact on the commercial real estate (CRE) industry and the future of the office. In part one, “Global Office Impact Report and Recovery Timing,” we examine the aggregate cyclical and structural impacts on the office sector. We also present forecast scenarios and/or possible outcomes. COVID-19 is disrupting the economy, accelerating shifts and creating structural changes that will persist for years. Several forces are at play—from office-using job losses, to higher vacancy and downward pressure on rental rates, to an increase in the share of employees who will now work from home either permanently or more regularly.

In this study:

- We examine both the aggregate cyclical and structural impacts on the office sector’s fundamentals.
- We present three forecast scenarios that illustrate probable and/or possible recovery timing based on the information at hand today.

Upcoming Webinar:
Hear Chief Economist, Kevin Thorpe, and Global Head of Forecasting, Rebecca Rockey, discuss key findings from the study and forecasts for the office market in a global webinar. The webinar will be held on September 30 at 9:00 AM. To download the study or to register for the webinar, click on the links below.

Download the Study
Register for Webinar

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.

1. Transportation Deadlines Extended
2. DHS Updates Master Question List for Coronavirus
3. U.S. Outlines Sweeping Vaccine Plan
4. Business Interruption and the PRIA
5. Presumptive Compensability Legislation
6. Return-to-Work Coronavirus Templates
7. HHS Coronavirus Resources for LTC Facilities
Updated ACEC Coronavirus Resource Document Available

ACEC updated their Coronavirus Resource Document. It includes information on COVID-19 Related News Resources; Upcoming Advocacy Webinars; ACEC Resources; Global Snapshot from the World Health Organization; U.S. COVID-19 Statistics; and Regional COVID-19 Statistics. The document includes links to Wave 8 of COVID-19 Business Impact Survey; Call for Fast Act Extension; ACEC's The Last Word, ACEC's Guide to Return to the Office, ACEC's Virtual Fall Conference, and much more. To see this detailed document, click HERE.

INDUSTRY NEWS

Congress Poised to Extend Federal Transportation Programs

Legislation recently introduced by congressional leaders would extend surface transportation programs under the FAST Act for one year. In the absence of a multi-year reauthorization, ACEC and other industry stakeholders have lobbied lawmakers in support of a one-year extension to provide funding stability to clients before the current programs expire on September 30.

The bill would retain current funding levels and transfer $13.6 billion to the Highway Trust Fund to maintain solvency through Fiscal Year 2021. It also transfers $14 billion into the Airport & Airways Trust Fund to support the Airport Improvement Program. The measure is included in a “continuing resolution” to extend funding for other federal agencies into December. The House passed the C. R. and the Senate will vote on it September 29.

Click here for a summary from the House Appropriations Committee.

The ACEC Business Insurance Trust Program Offers Cyber Insurance to Protect ACEC Member Firms

Coalition partners with The ACEC BIT and Greyling to deliver a comprehensive cybersecurity solution

The American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) Business Insurance Trust (BIT) has partnered with Greyling Insurance Brokerage, a division of EPIC, and Coalition, an insurance and cyber risk management firm dedicated to managing and mitigating cyber risk, to provide best-in-class cyber risk solutions. This complete
cyber risk offering combines system monitoring, risk management and insurance, in an all-in-one package. Characteristics of this cyber program include:

- Free Cyber Risk Assessment ($2,500 value)
- Customizable insurance
- 24/7 Security monitoring
- Alerts of cyber incidents
- Security tools to minimize risk
- Access to security team
- ACEC member endorsed enhanced coverages.

Engineering firms often process sensitive data from their work with government agencies, academic institutions, and private organizations — making them a rich target for cybercriminals. According to the 2019 Cost of Data Breach Study by IBM Security and the Ponemon Institute, data breaches can cost businesses upwards of $4 million to recover.

To get your complimentary cyber risk assessment and quote, click [here](#). There is no commitment required. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the ACEC BIT at 833.ACECBIT (833.223.2248) or email them at acecbit@greyling.com. To learn more about Coalition’s cyber coverage and cybersecurity tools, visit [www.coalitioninc.com](http://www.coalitioninc.com).

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**Improvements Made to Help Identify Regionalization Opportunities**

Continuing DNR’s effort to help stakeholders discover and identify opportunities for regionalizing and consolidating drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, the Water Protection Program has completed a number of improvements to the Public Drinking Water and Wastewater Systems Map Viewer!

To better aid drinking water stakeholders find specific systems on the map, the viewer now includes a single point for each Public Water System. These points are intended for easier identification of the systems but do not represent any physical features. Additionally, individual map layers may be turned on and off using the “layer list” tab for both the Public Drinking Water Systems and the Wastewater Treatment Facilities maps. This allows the user to better customize the information they wish to view or omit.

Discover opportunities and potential partner systems for consolidation or regionalization of systems in your area using the map viewer [here](#)! To learn more about Drinking Water Consolidation, Regionalization, and Unification, click [here](#). To learn more about Wastewater Consolidation and Regionalization, click [here](#).

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**Risk Management Site Under the ACEC Business Insurance Trust**

Have you visited the Risk Management site for the ACEC Business Insurance Trust (BIT)? You have access to professionals who can provide assistance evaluating, drafting and negotiating complex professional services contracts as well as online risk management resources to help mitigate risk in your firm. Other items included on the website are claims, resources, contract reviews, articles, webinars and white papers. To visit the website, click [here](#).
ACEC National Virtual Fall Conference in October

ACEC’s Virtual Fall Conference taking place October 28-30 promises to be an outstanding event. We urge you to join me and your fellow ACEC members for networking, education, and much more. Everything is here from the in-person event we know and love including:

**2020 Virtual Conference Highlights:**

- Daisy Auger-Dominguez, Chief People Officer at Vice Media Group, will speak on "Getting Unstuck: How to Create Inclusive Culture Practices that Work"
- The Co-Founder of The Buried Life Movement, Ben Nemtin, will discuss 5 Steps to Make the Impossible Possible
- Charlie Cook, Editor and Publisher of *The Cook Report* will give a 2020 Election Outlook
- General Session Panel presentations to include a Congressional Panel, a panel of Association CEOs from related infrastructure groups and a special presentation from “Accelerator for America”
- 18 Educational Sessions, 9 Vendor Presentations and 14 Roundtables led by ACEC committee and coalition chairs on today’s pressing issues.

**REGISTER NOW**

*Remember, time is money.* Early bird registration discounts expire Wednesday, September 30th. You can also take advantage of the member firm group registration discount – earn 1 free registration every 4 paid conference registrations. Learn more [here](#).

The ACEC Fall Conference is a can’t-miss event at this challenging and critical time for our industry. Let’s make a strong ACEC Missouri showing at the Virtual Conference and show ‘em how we do it in Missouri.

**ACEC/MO’s Virtual Fall Meeting on November 13**

Make plans now to attend ACEC/MO's Fall Meeting on **Friday, November 13**, which will be held virtually. Below is a tentative schedule of events for the meeting. Once we have the details finalized, we'll send out registration information. Please put November 13th on your calendar and plan to join us virtually!!

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:**

- 7:50 AM - Environmental Committee Meeting
- 9:00 AM - Governmental Affairs / Transportation Joint Committee Meeting
- 10:10 AM - Business Practice Seminar on PPP Issues, Loan Forgiveness, Revenue Recognition Aspects and FAR/OH Rate Concerns
12:20 PM - Virtual Lunch Speaker: Steve Hall, ACEC (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

2021 EEA Project Competition - 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.

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.

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

ACEC/MO's 4th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2020. It will be held at the Columbia Country Club, 2210 N. Country Club Drive, Columbia, MO 65201. Registration begins at 10 am followed by a shotgun start at 11 am. The cost is $200 per person and includes green fees, cart, golf balls, prizes, refreshments, and lunch. The deadline to register is October 7, 2020. We will have the necessary safety measures in place so everyone can enjoy a beautiful day of golf with your peers. To register for the golf tournament, click here or information is also available on our website.

Corporate sponsors are needed to help cover the costs for golf, lunch, prizes, and other miscellaneous expenses. The levels of sponsorship include: Platinum - $1,000; Gold - $750; Silver - $500; and Beverage Cart - $250. For more information on being a sponsor, click here or go to our website. The deadline to send in your sponsor form is October 2, 2020. We want to thank the below list of sponsors we have so far.

Golf Tournament Sponsors:
Gold Sponsors: Burns & McDonnell; Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc.; Hg Consult, Inc.

ACEC/MO Members Attend ACEC Young Professional Series Webinars

ACEC recently hosted multiple webinars in their Young Professional Series. The series included sessions on Expanding the Conversation on Diversity in Your Firm Roundtable; Navigating Difficult Conversations; and A Case Study Implementing D & I. We had 5 member representatives attend all or part of the sessions: Bethany Hahn, Apex
Engineers, Inc.; Linda Moen, EFK Moen, LLC; Paul Reitz, Reitz & Jens, Inc.; Jade Salama, Ross & Baruzzini, Inc.; and Carly Tribout, Geotechnology, Inc. Once ACEC sets up more programs for their Young Professional Series, we'll include that information in our weekly updates.

**MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR**

**More Member Renewals for 2020-21**

Thank you to the following member firms and associate members that have renewed since posted our report last week. Thank you for your recent membership renewal and your investment in ACEC/MO for the 2020-21 year!

**MEMBER FIRMS:**
Arch Rail Group, LLC ● BHMG Engineers, Inc. ● CDG Engineers ● Cook, Flatt & Strobel Engineers, P.A. ● Farnsworth Group, Inc. ● Quigg Engineering, Inc.

**State and National PAC Contributions Continue to Exceed Expectations**

As we continue to receive PAC contributions from members for the state and national PAC's, we are amazed by the support of our member firms, associate members and member representatives. A huge THANK YOU goes to the following member firms, associate members and member representatives who have already contributed since our report last week. To help us reach our state and national goals, please go to our [website](#) for contribution information as well as a current list of state and national PAC contributions.

**STATE PAC CONTRIBUTIONS** *(goal: $25,000 / current: $22,993)*

**Member Representatives:**
John Denlinger ● Howard Gotschall ● Cory Imhoff ● Rachel Mertz ● Timothy R. Nugent ● Andrew Potthast ● Barry Rolle ● Steve Schultz ● Eric Stump

**Member Firms / Associate Members:**
Hanson Professional Services Inc. ● HDR, Inc. ● Modjeski and Masters, Inc.

**NATIONAL PAC CONTRIBUTIONS** *(goal: $23,763 / current: $11,817)*

**Member Representatives:**
Edmond D. Alizadeh ● Rebecca Baltz ● Mike Brown ● Kevin Fuller ● Joseph G. Hagerty ● Mike Herleth ● Stephen D. Hicks ● Scott Knight ● Steve Prange ● Barry Rolle ● Ty Sander ● Bob Staed

**Member News**

Horner & Shifrin, Inc., announced that Paul Wojciechowski, AICP, P.E., LCI joined Horner the firm as complete streets manager. Paul has more than 37 years of experience in transportation planning and design with an emphasis in multimodal planning and operations.
Klingner & Associates, P.C. recently announced that Michael D. Klingner, P.E., president, has been elected a Fellow in the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC). He will be recognized at the 2020 Fall Conference, October 28-30.

Lochmueller Group announced that their office in St. Louis County has moved. Their new address is 820 S. Main Street, Suite 207, St. Charles, MO 63301. The phone number remains the same at (314) 621-3395.

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**Calendar of Events**

**October 19** -- ACEC/MO EEA Project Entry Deadline  
**October 19** -- ACEC/MO 4th Annual ACEC/PAC Golf Tournament, Columbia  
**October 28-30** -- ACEC National Virtual Fall Conference  
**November 10** -- ACEC/MO EEA Judging  
**November 13** -- ACEC/MO Virtual Fall Meeting

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

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