IN FOCUS

Last week we celebrated our Annual Diamond Awards for Engineering Excellence at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square. This gala represents the best our industry has to offer and not only celebrates the amazing work our member firms perform but also the teamwork and collaboration between our firms and our clients. Congratulations to all the nominees and the winners in each category. You can view all Photographic Displays and Executive Summaries for winners and everyone that submitted by visiting the 2020 Diamond Awards Post-Event website.

I am also very honored to recognize Tom Riester with our Distinguished Award of Merit. It has been a pleasure working with Tom over the years and I’m privileged to follow in Tom’s footsteps as President of ACEC/PA.

Lastly and new this year, our first Diversity and Inclusion Award was presented to Jacobs Engineering for putting people at the heart of their business.

Good luck to our award winners who have submitted for national recognition at the ACEC Annual Convention in Washington, DC in April. Hope to see you there.

Eric Frary
President, ACEC/PA

LEGISLATIVE

Stay on top of issues pertaining to transportation and other legislative matters.

- Transportation Recap - Read it here
- Capitol Recap - Read it here
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PennDOT faces big costs and dwindling resources
Pennsylvania’s Department of Transportation oversees everything from road and bridge maintenance to mass transit…Read more

Pa. challenges colleges to get students enrolled to vote
Pennsylvania is trying to get more college students registered to vote in the general election in November…Read more

Disinformation and hacking could threaten 2020 elections, former U.S. attorney warns
Threats to elections in the United States and democracy as we know it are a given in the age of the internet, said David Hickton, founding director of the University of Pittsburgh Institute for Cyber Law, Policy and Security…Read more

House Majority Leader Bryan Cutler isn’t running for Speaker — yet
Bryan Cutler didn’t have a lot of time for palace intrigue on Monday…Read more

NHTSA suspends EasyMile autonomous shuttles in 10 cities
Dive brief…Read more

New bus route to connect Columbus, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York
A new regional bus service is launching next month in Columbus, Ohio, meaning spring breakers will have a new way to travel between Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York…Read more

The amazing ways Goodyear uses artificial intelligence and IoT for digital transformation
Would you be surprised to learn a 120-year-old company is transforming its business with artificial intelligence and technology…Read more

More than 20,000 Pa. voters sign up to vote by mail
For the first time this year, Pennsylvania voters will be able to cast ballots in the mail, and state officials say they’re pleased with the number of people wanting that option…Read more

Dems and GOP fully commit to Bellwether Bucks battle
The first big race of 2020 is taking shape in lower Bucks County and both parties are going all in to win it…Read more
End of vehicle fee will not impact planned bridge projects in county
The end of Luzerne County’s annual $5 vehicle registration fee at the end of next year will not impact motorists, at least in the near future…Read more

UPCOMING EVENTS

Western Chapter Meeting with District 12-0 executives Joseph Szczur, P.E., District Executive; Rachel Duda, P.E., Asst. DE for Design; Robert Dean, P.E., Asst. DE for Maintenance and William Kovach, P.E., Asst. DE for Construction
March 6 ● Cefalo's

Government Affairs Breakfast with Steve Hall, Senior Vice President, Advocacy for ACEC
March 11 ● Hilton Garden Inn Harrisburg East
Register here

Central Chapter Meeting with Gary Graham, P.E., Assistant Chief Engineer, PA Turnpike Commission who will discuss the Capital Plan and status of an initiative to improve the quality of bid documents and Joe Sutor, P.E., Planning & Environmental Manager discussing the status of PennSTART (state of the art training facility at Penn State)
March 11 ● Hilton Garden Inn Harrisburg East
Register here

Eastern Chapter Meeting with Chris Kufro, P.E. (District 5-0), Timothy Stevenson, P.E. (District 6-0) and Chris Drda, P.E. (District 8-0)
March 17 ● Desmond Hotel
Register here

ACEC/PA Legislative Day
April 6-7 ● Capitol, Harrisburg
Register now
View sponsorship opportunities here

Spring Conference
May 11-13 ● Hilton Harrisburg
Registration opening soon!
*Sponsorships are available here
Annual Leadership Meeting
June 7-9 ● Park City, Utah
View details here
Registration opening soon!
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You Are ACEC/PA
We have 22 different committees looking for your leadership and expertise. Check out the committee page to see which one is for you. Those interested in learning more should contact the ACEC/PA office at (800) 651-1946 or ACEC/PA Executive Director Leeann Sherman.

2019 STIC year-end report now available
Fashioned in an online and interactive format, the Pennsylvania State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC) is pleased to announce the availability of its 2019 STIC year-end report…Read more

Junior Achievement of South Central Pennsylvania - A Global Tasting
Learn more here

RESOURCES

Monthly Consultant/PennDOT Clearance Transmittal Webinar-March 19th
Next webinar will be April 16th
This is a Skype Meeting. Please use the following to Join:
Join Skype Meeting
Join by phone
Toll number: (267) 332-8737(Dial-in Number)
Conference ID: 56863635

ECMS File Cabinet
The following documents have been placed in the ECMS File Cabinet. Feel free to pass this information on to District staff and consultants.
New Standard Pay Items
Standard Pay Items to be Deleted
Pub 408 2020 Initial Edition Overview of Changes
Revised Description Pay Items
New Asphalt Item Number Search Tool

Click here for more information

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**Census Information**

As most of you know national Census Day is April 1, 2020. PennDOT is excited to be an active participant in helping get the word out. The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) is spearheading the outreach and has created a full page of resources that are now available.

[https://www.pa.gov/census/support-your-community/](https://www.pa.gov/census/support-your-community/)

All entities are allowed to place a request for hardcopies of materials using this link below. Materials include a variety of posters, flyers and postcards.

[https://www.pa.gov/census/outreach-materials/](https://www.pa.gov/census/outreach-materials/)

Please reference the Census newsletter content that we ask you to share with your stakeholders in future e-newsletters and on your organization’s website. We have included a more general version and transportation version. Please use what you feel is best for your organization. If you have any questions you can reach out to PennDOT Policy Director Natasha Fackler at nfackler@pa.gov and Policy Specialist Emily Watts at ewatts@pa.gov.

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**ACEC Business Insurance Trust**

Learn more [here](#)

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**Build engineering-focused project management skills**

Tools and knowledge to help your project managers succeed your way… [Read more](#)

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**Three reasons CEOs should take the lead in employee professional development**

Many CEOs leave professional development to the HR department… [Read more](#)

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**Urban Engineers announces Associate Vice President promotions**

Urban is pleased to announce that the following valued staffers have been promoted to the title of associate vice president… [Read more](#)

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**ACEC/PA Needs Your Help**
• Do you have committee news to share or know of a colleague/firm making a difference? We’d want to share that news! Please send ACEC/PA Executive Director Leann Sherman the information for inclusion in an upcoming edition of forward.

• We want to communicate with you. Please take a moment to update your profile with us so you don’t miss any important news or events.

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Did You Know?
On this day in 1791 Congress established the U.S. Mint.

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