

IN FOCUS

What is an Engineer? Today is **International Women in Engineering Day** and both ACEC and ACEC/PA want to share some information and recognize this special day! Won't you join us by doing the same within your company? Celebrate women who are mentors, leaders, colleagues, rising stars and those just starting out. Take the time to make a difference. Learn more below and watch the video.



International Women in Engineering Day (#INWED20) takes place on 23 June this year as usual. We're asking our creative (and budding) engineers to celebrate the good things women engineers do. Please have a look at our [Resources](#), think about using our [Selfie Cards](#) and tell us all about your planned [Activities](#)! This year's theme for INWED is 'Shape The World'. <http://www.inwed.org.uk/>

Women (and men) all over the globe can help to raise the profile of women engineers and encourage more people to consider engineering as a profession for all. We are grateful to be working in partnership with the UK National Commission for UNESCO this year and thank them for their support.

International Women in Engineering Day is an international awareness campaign to raise the profile of women in engineering and focus attention on the amazing career opportunities available to girls in this exciting industry. It celebrates the outstanding achievements of women engineers throughout the world.



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LEGISLATIVE



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

- **Transportation Recap** - [Read it here](#)
- **Capitol Recap** - [Read it here](#)
- **Bill Tracker** - [Read it here](#)

New Leaders Elected in Pennsylvania House of Reps.

There's new leadership in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. State House lawmakers elected a new Speaker of the House Monday afternoon, and the House GOP Caucus filled vacancies left by that election...[Read more](#)

Pa. Lawmakers Review Legislation to Allow Counting of Mail-In Ballots Before Election Day

Lawmakers in the General Assembly are reviewing potential legislation that would allow election officials to begin counting mail-in ballots before 7 a.m. on Election Day, a provision that advocates say will be crucial in getting timely election results in November...[Read more](#)

Former Pa. House Speaker Mike Turzai Takes Job as General Counsel for Peoples Natural Gas

One day after resigning as speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, Mike Turzai has been hired as general counsel for Peoples Natural Gas...[Read more](#)

Revised PPP Loan Forgiveness Applications

The SBA has released two new versions of the PPP loan forgiveness application: the [standard PPP loan forgiveness application](#) and the [EZ loan forgiveness application](#). Both are designed to implement the PPP Flexibility Act (HR 7010).

The EZ application is available to borrowers that:

1. Are self-employed and have no employees; or
2. Did not reduce the salaries or wages of their employees by more than 25%, and did not reduce the number or hours of their employees; or
3. Experienced reductions in business activity as a result of health directives related to COVID-19 and did not reduce the salaries or wages of their employees by more than 25%.

There are also further revisions to the [PPP interim final rule](#), the substance of which starts on page 7 of [this document](#). We will continue to provide you with additional information as we receive it.

After Marathon Markup, Committee Advances the INVEST in America Act, a Transformational Surface Transportation Bill to Move Nation's Infrastructure into New Era

After more than 24 hours of debate that included the consideration of 177 amendments, the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure approved the Investing in a New Vision for the Environment and Surface Transportation in America (INVEST in America) Act...[Read more](#)

ARTBA Analysis House Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill: INVEST in America

The House Transportation & Infrastructure (T&I) Committee June 18 approved a five-year, \$494 billion reauthorization of the federal surface transportation program...
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Somerset Approves Deal with Second Group to Help Win Route 219 Support

The Somerset County Commissioners have decided to double their lobbying efforts in a bid to gain lawmakers' support that is needed to complete the last section of Route 219...[Read more](#)

PennDOT's \$125.4 Million Upgrades on Interstate 78 and Route 61 Started This Week After Coronavirus Delay

Construction crews are working this week underneath a historic arch bridge on Interstate 78 over the Schuylkill River in Hamburg...[Read more](#)

Trump to Mark Completion of Border Wall's 200th Mile

President Donald Trump is scheduled to visit Yuma on Tuesday to mark the completion of the 200th mile of the border wall system between the U.S. and Mexico...[Read more](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS



2020-2021 Calendar of Events

Please mark your calendars for these [important dates](#) of our upcoming conferences, networking, educational opportunities, scholarship fundraising, board meetings and more.

Government Affairs Breakfast

September 9 • Dixon University Center or Virtual

Central Chapter Meeting

September 9 • Dixon University Center or Virtual

Western Chapter Meeting

September 10 • Cefalo's or Virtual

Eastern Chapter Meeting

September 15 • Desmond Hotel or Virtual

ACEC/PA Fall Conference

November 18 • Hershey Lodge

ACEC/PA Diamond Awards

January 28, 2021 • Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square

ACEC/PA Spring Conference

May 12-14, 2021 • Hilton Harrisburg

COMMITTEE NEWS



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](#).

PARTNERS



The Buildings We Live and Work In Roundtable

June 25 • 3:30 p.m.

[Register now](#)

Accounting for PPP Loans: Two Approaches for Financial Statement Reporting

As the second quarter of 2020 draws to a close, many companies that received Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans are unsure of how to account for them on their financial statements...[Read more](#)

The Future of Engineering Roundtable Series

[Learn more](#)

2020 ACEC Young Professional of the Year

Submit a nomination [here](#)

RESOURCES

What Your Project Managers are Getting Wrong (Live Online Class)

June 30 • 1:30- 2:30 p.m.

[Register now](#)

Helping PA Businesses Come Back Stronger than Ever

As the Statewide Voice of Business™, the PA Chamber is committed to leading Pennsylvania's economic resurgence as the Commonwealth overcomes the unprecedented COVID-19 health crisis...[Read more](#)

ACEC Research Institute Compilation of COVID-19 Business Impact Survey Series

The COVID-19 pandemic caused an unprecedented disruption in America's economy, which extended to the engineering industry. To gauge the effect of the economic shutdown on design firms, the ACEC Research Institute – the research arm of the American Council of Engineering Companies – conducted a series of surveys to accurately measure the pandemic's effect on the industry. The summary of those surveys is now available.



“The Business Impact Surveys are the first of their kind to accurately measure our industry’s response to a real time crisis,” said ACEC Research Institute Chair John Carrato. “The data collected from week to week enabled firm executives to plan with knowledge of how their peers were reacting to the economic shutdown and Federal assistance programs.”

Over seven waves of polls, the Business Impact Survey delivered a weekly measurement of the engineering industry as it navigated the challenges of hiring, workplace culture, operations, travel and overall economic sentiment.

“The pandemic was an unforeseen and unique challenge for our industry,” said Charles Gozdziwski, ACEC’s Board Chair. “Firm executives were forced into uncharted waters, adapting to forced changes to workplace operations, commuting, project work and financial planning. The Business Impact Surveys gave our members a roadmap to check their own planning against industry trends on a weekly basis. Its value underscored the importance of the

Institute’s mission.”

Now that the final survey has been analyzed, the ACEC Research Institute is pleased to release its executive summary, which tells a story of an industry that quickly pivoted to absorb the initial shock of the economic shutdown, utilized federal assistance through the CARES Act and the Paycheck Protection Program, and looked to turn challenge into opportunity by expanding into new business lines.

The executive summary and a supporting [infographic](#) can be [downloaded here](#). Contact Jeff Urbanchuk at the ACEC Research Institute for comment.

For more information about the ACEC Research Institute, visit its website at www.acecresearchinstitute.org.

ACEC Releases Guide for Returning to the Office and Job Site in the Time of COVID-19

To help firms meet the challenge of safely returning to the workplace and job site while managing legal risk, ACEC has released the first digital edition of its [Guide to Returning to the Office and the Job Site in the Time of COVID-19](#).

“There is significant uncertainty and apprehension when it comes to reopening an office during this pandemic,” said ACEC President & CEO Linda Bauer Darr. “We are in uncharted waters for firm leaders who want to reopen their doors and get out to meet with

clients at job sites. This guide is aimed at answering some of those questions so the industry can get back to work safely.”

The Guide is divided into five sections: (1) Planning the Return; (2) Health Policy and Procedures; (3) Returning to the Office; (4) Returning to the Job Site; and (5) links to additional COVID-19 resources. It incorporates information from a number of sources, including the CDC, OSHA, FDA, private sector organizations both in and outside the engineering industry, and legal counsel.

Due to the ever-changing nature of the coronavirus pandemic, the Guide will be updated, as needed to provide the most accurate and up-to-date information possible for firm leaders and their administrative staff. The Guide can be downloaded for free on the [ACEC Coronavirus Resource Page](#).

SHARE-INSPIRE-HIGHLIGHT

American Council of Engineering Companies of PA Elects Troy Holloway as Board President

American Council of Engineering Companies of Pennsylvania (ACEC/PA) today announced Troy Holloway of Century Engineering will serve as the new president of its board of directors. Holloway will serve a one-year term...[Read more](#)

Funny Work from Home Fails During Coronavirus Quarantine Lockdown

Sharing a little video to brighten your day... Watch [here](#)

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 [Leeann 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 1980, the first solar-powered coast-to-coast two-way radio conversation took place.

Connect with Us on Social Media

News travels fast. Please follow ACEC/PA on social media to keep up-to-date with the latest company news and industry highlights, and benefit from a range of useful resources.
