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ACEI Newsletter - 31 August 2023

Information and Advice for ACEI Members

ACEI Contact Details

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Dear Colleague,

I hope you've had a good Summer.

There has been a lot going on for the ACEI over the past few months and the second half of the year is set to be really busy.

I'm delighted to announce that the ACEI is embarking on a series of [regional networking events over the next 18 months](#). Simply put, we want more Consulting Engineering firms to join the ACEI to strengthen our community. The first event will be held in [Rochestown Park Hotel, Cork on September 20th](#) and is open to you our members for FREE. We will be inviting other companies from the sector to attend and hopefully sign up to the ACEI. We are the voice of the consulting engineering sector and the more members the clearer that voice is when we speak to Government.

[BIM requirements in the CWMF](#) from January 2024

Project Category Value	Milestones	Month
> 100m	Milestone 1 – Design Team only	Month 0
	Milestone 2 – Contractor and Supply Chain	Month 12
> 20m	Milestone 3 – Design Team only	Month 12
	Milestone 4 – Contractor and Supply Chain	Month 18
> 10m	Milestone 5 – Design Team only	Month 18
	Milestone 6 – Contractor and Supply Chain	Month 24
> 5m	Milestone 7 – Design Team only	Month 30
	Milestone 8 – Contractor and Supply Chain	Month 36
> 1m	Milestone 9 – Design Team only	Month 36
	Milestone 10 – Contractor and Supply Chain	Month 42
< 1m	Milestone 11 – Design Team only	Month 42
	Milestone 12 – Contractor and Supply Chain	Month 48

An Roinn Cathairle Párlaiminte (Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform)



Over the next 18 months, we will roll out a series of these networking events around the country. I would ask you to attend these and invite colleagues, clients and even competitors to these events as they are critically important to your representative body. I'm also making you aware again that the introduction of mandatory BIM in projects over 100m (applies to consulting engineers) will start formally in January 2024.

There are a series of useful links to government documents that you should review.

I'd also like to draw your attention to the following from the [CWMF document link](#).

"We are adopting the International Construction Management Standard (ICMS) to enable consistent reporting of costs, life cycle costs and life cycle analysis including embodied carbon across the National Development Plan. The first updated cost reporting templates incorporating ICMS will be published in August 2023. They will be updated early in 2024 to incorporate reporting of life cycle costing and further again in 2025 to enable reporting on life cycle analysis including embodied carbon."

These are important changes in how public sector projects are procured, designed, and delivered and you need to be aware of these changes. The elision of the digitalisation and sustainability trends is going to fundamentally transform our industry and your business over the coming years. Get involved in the ACEI's work and you will be better prepared and informed of these changes giving you a competitive edge.

Finally, one of the key objectives set out of the [ACEI's 2023-2025 strategy](#) is to 'tell our story'. This means that the association is tasked with telling important stakeholders (the public, media, politicians, and policy makers etc) that consulting engineers are shaping the built environment in sustainable positive ways amongst other things. To this end, the ACEI intends to 'tell our story' by highlighting the incredible work being done by its members in key areas such as Health and Safety, Sustainability, Diversity and Inclusion, Digital Construction.

Essentially, we will use the story of your projects, work and initiatives to spotlight for key audiences. Please [contact us](#) with projects and initiatives that we can feature in our digital communications.

Shane

ACEI Networking Event - Consulting Engineering: Driving Smart, Sustainable Growth

Join leading ACEI members in a networking and information event in Rochestown Park Hotel on September 20th. Our sector is facing many challenges as we lead Ireland's efforts to solve the housing crisis, deliver essential placemaking infrastructure and climate change mitigation. The ACEI are to the fore in supporting the sector through engaging with key stakeholders and policy makers. Our membership is our strength and at this event, we want members and potential members to meet and hear how the ACEI supports the sector. To register and to read the agenda follow this [link](#).



Complete Our Questionnaire

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you to all our member companies that have responded to the ACEI BIM Committee Project Delivery questionnaire issued on July 21st. For those who have yet to respond, we have extended the deadline and would appreciate that you please ask your firm's BIM specialist to complete it by Tuesday September 5th, the survey takes just 10 minutes to complete. The survey results will help the BIM Committee to prioritise activities for the coming year and influence national developments, particularly in relation to the mandatory BIM requirements in the CWMF formally being applied from January 2024, the Build Digital project, and the Government BIM mandate.

Please note that where your company may operate across different sectors, e.g., buildings MEP and infrastructure, the survey could be completed separately with each sector in mind.

The Survey link is [here](#).

Thanks and best wishes,
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Risk and Insurance in Construction

A new book entitled 'Nael G. Bunni in Dialogue with Tayseer Treky and Misbah Kamal: Insights on Construction Contracts and Insurance' has recently been published. This new book provides an interview with Dr. Bunni, conducted by Mr. Tayseer Treky and Mr. Misbah Kamal, the idea for which was born after Dr. Bunni's successful 'Risk and Insurance in Construction' was translated into Arabic by Mr. Treky and Mr. Kamal in 2017. This autobiographical narrative provides Dr. Bunni's views on the insurance market, with a particular focus on Iraq in the 1960s. With special reference to international construction and engineering, the dialogue covers a range of complex and difficult issues in construction insurance and their associated problems.

Further information can be found on the following website, from which the book can also be purchased [here](#).



New Members

A warm welcome to the latest additions to the ACEI community! These dynamic individuals and businesses bring their unique talents and perspectives, enriching our collaborative environment and community of over 100 Consulting Engineering Firms. Here's to forging meaningful connections and achieving remarkable milestones as part of the ACEI family.

Three New Member Firms

Cora Consulting Engineers and 2 x associated FConsEI's: John Pigott and John Casey

EDC and 2 x associated FConsEI's: Conor McGinn and Richard O'Farrell

Malone Group and 1 x associated FConsEI: Fergus Whelan

Existing Member firms new FConsEI

Glen Faherty, **MTW Consultants Ltd**
Barry Williams, **Mott MacDonald Ireland**
Sean Neary, **Varming Consulting Engineers Ltd**
Joseph Greene, **Varming Consulting Engineers Ltd**
Declan Doyle, **Varming Consulting Engineers Ltd**
Eamon Daly, **J.B. Barry & Partners Ltd**
Andrew Clifford, **J.V. Tierney & Company Ltd**
Colm Saul, **J.V. Tierney & Company Ltd**
Rory Burke, **J.V. Tierney & Company Ltd**
Cian Murphy, **PUNCH Consulting Engineers**

Existing Member Firms new RConsEI

Robert Fitzmaurice, **CS Consulting Group**
Niall Barrett, **CS Consulting Group**
Mark McEntee, **CS Consulting Group**
Luke McNamee, **CS Consulting Group**
Damien Byrne, **CS Consulting Group**
Cian Twomey, **CS Consulting Group**
Liam Clear, **T.J. O'Connor & Associates**

