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The Governor has called a special session of the Oregon Legislature next Monday, August 10, to rebalance the state budget and “ensure delivery of benefits and benefit programs to Oregonians.” Cuts are not expected to be major based upon drafts developed by legislative budget writers. Cuts will include freezing vacant positions, cutting programs and lowering rates paid to coordinated care organizations, using the Rainy Day Fund to keep schools whole and a plethora of other budgetary actions to minimize the impact on the remainder of the 2019-21 two-year budget cycle. Congress is not expected to act upon another major stimulus package in time to be wrapped into this special session and already there is talk of a third special session in the fall after the September revenue forecast.

Bill drafts for the 2021 regular session of the Oregon Legislature are due to legislative counsel no later than September 25 to ensure they are drafted by early December. After September 25 bills get more difficult to have introduced as legislators will need to use a handful of priority bills that they like to hold onto until the session begins in

February. If you have an idea for legislation let **Karen Tatman**, Chair of the Legislative Committee, or me, know soon.

The Joint Interim Committee on the Interstate 5 Bridge will meet tomorrow, August 6, at 1:00 P.M. The meeting will be held remotely and will discuss the vision, values and purpose statements and review the finance plan of the CRC. Agenda is below:

<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/201911/Committees/JI5B/2020-08-06-13-00/Agenda>



#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This series is ideal for project managers, designers and engineers who are:

- Interested in a leadership track in their career
- Shifting their focus from projects to organizational and financial goals of the firm
- Challenged by competing priorities
- Being asked to take on more responsibilities with the same resources
- New to managing multiple or complex projects
- New to managing people and teams

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*“The biggest challenge facing A/E firms today is development of our future leaders. We had several of our emerging leaders attend the ACEC Leadership Development program and the feedback I received was extremely positive. In particular, it helped them gain a broader perspective on the business aspects of consulting and we are already realizing the return*

## Develop your firm’s future leaders! Enroll them in the Leadership Development Series

*Seven programs + happy hour orientation to kick off the series (virtual) October 6.*

#### OVERVIEW

- Presenters are key industry professionals.
- CPDs – Each session is good for accruing continuing professional development credits.
- Individuals who attend the entire series will receive certificates of completion and be recognized at the annual business dinner in May.

#### SAVE THE DATES

#### COURSE OUTLINE: AT-A-GLANCE

- Oct 6 - Happy hour orientation
- Oct 7 - Enhancing Leadership Versatility & Personal Effectiveness
- Nov 4 - Managing Time & Relationships
- Dec 2 - Demystifying Business Development
- Feb 3 - Political Involvement & QBS
- Mar 3 - Risk Management
- Apr 14 - Financial Management for A/E Firms
- May 5 - From Doer to Leader: Lessons Learned

#### PAST PARTICIPANTS SAY

*“The series helped me by providing insightful methods, processes, practices and ways of thinking to continue to develop as a leader. Additionally, learning personality types and how to build a successful team with a well-rounded balance of different personality types was very insightful. I also gained knowledge about the Oregon political landscape, lobbying, how to have a voice, and the state legislature.”*

-- Craig Heimbucher, PE, Associate Engineer, Terraphase Engineering

*“The ‘Enhancing Leadership Versatility and Personal Effectiveness’ session has helped me as I work with different team members. I have a new appreciation for different personalities and understand how they each can contribute to a positive project outcome.”*

on this investment in their leadership development.”

--Larry Fox, PE, COO, DOWL

--Jared Trowbridge, PE, Project Manager, DOWL

**More info to come!**

**Registration to open soon!**



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### ACEC Engineering Influence podcasts

- [Congressional Update with the U.S. Chamber’s VP of Transportation and Infrastructure, Ed Mortimer](#)
- [The Future of Funding and Mobility as a Service with David Zipper](#)
- [Funding in the New Normal—An ACEC Research Institute Roundtable on the Future of Engineering](#)

### UPCOMING

- Sept 24 & 25 – [OSBEELS Symposium](#) (virtual)



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