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- Donate to the fund! Thank you, donors!

**ACEC Engineering Influence Podcasts**

WHEN

9:00 to 10:30 A.M.

Program is good for accruing 1.5 continuing professional development credits.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

PRESENTERS

Risk Management Consultants  
Victor Insurance Managers, Inc.



Frank Musica, Esq.

**Risky Business: Contract Negotiation to Protect Profitability**

– March 3

This webinar will explain the difference between contractual and professional liability and look at the importance of clear, reasonable, and coordinated contractual provisions.



In addition, the program will analyze provisions of non-standard professional services agreements and examine the changing contractual issues caused by recent challenges including the Covid-19 influence on professional services, the evolving standard of care related to concerns over climate change, and other contractual developments that threaten the traditional practice of consulting engineering firms.



Nahom A. Gebre, Esq., P.E.

**Who Should Attend?** This session is essential for anyone in a firm who wants to negotiate effective and fair contracts that enable engineers firms to meet client needs and practice profitably.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

Zoom login credentials are included with the registration confirmation.

Click [HERE](#) to see who's already registered.



Marshall Coba  
CobaCo Government Relations

## Coba's Capitol Comments

The updated state revenue forecast will be released today at 3:00 P.M. This financial snapshot will assist budget writers get a feel for anticipated income as they continue to grind through the state budget process. The next forecast in May will be the final data point for inclusion in the 2021-23 state budget and will then lead to the beginning of the end of the session. Once the May forecast is presented budgets are finalized and will be released for final approval on the House and Senate floors.

Speaker Kotek indicated earlier this week that beginning Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, the House will convene regularly for floor on Mondays *and* Tuesdays at 11AM unless otherwise noticed. Committee work sessions will begin to pick up in the coming weeks and bills will soon advance to the floor for final consideration. The Senate has not yet made a similar announcement.

SB 213, the ACEC sponsored bill on duty to defend clauses in construction contracts, continues to be an active and dynamic policy discussion. Amendments we received last week from a coalition of various interests including AGC, OCAPA, League of Oregon Cities, Trial Lawyers and others were not substantial enough to meet the goals we are seeking with the bill. We will draft a set of new amendments that will help make the bill better and we give the organizations listed above credit for helping to improve SB 213. These amendments should be ready in a week to 10 days.



**All things related to the legislature can be found at this website**

(committees, hearing schedules, video, contact information and other key information):



## ACEC Oregon Scholarship

ELIGIBLE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY!

*(Due to the Covid pandemic, SAT and ACT scores have been waived for 2021 applications.)*

**Application deadline is March 1.**

For more details, go to OSAC (Oregon Office of Student Access and Completion) 2020-21 Scholarship Catalog

**Thank you to these firms and individuals for their support of the scholarship fun!**



[Ryan Rudnick](#) Parametrix  
(2010 scholarship recipient)

**Diana Strassmaier** Aldrich Advisors

(<https://app.oregonstudentaid.gov/Catalog/Default.aspx>) and search for "371." It is scholarship 371: American Council of Engineering Companies of Oregon.

**DONATE TO THE FUND!**

Click [HERE](#) for a message from the Scholarship Committee board rep, and ACEC Oregon Secretary/Treasurer, **Ron Vandehey**, about the importance of donating to the fund.

And hear from a few of our past scholarship recipients how the scholarship helped them:

- [Hilary Chaimov](#), 2017 scholarship recipient
- [Ryan Rudnick](#), 2010 scholarship recipient
- [Katelin Vandehey](#), 2018 scholarship recipient
- [Evan Altorfer](#), 2012 scholarship recipient

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(ACEC Oregon President 1999-2000)

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**Brian Copeland** DKS Associates

**Eric Bonn** DOWL



**Alicia Brazington** PBS Engineering and Environmental

**Steve Litchfield** Jacobs Engineering Group

**Peter Coffey** DKS Associates



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## ACEC Engineering Influence Podcasts

- [E-Week 2021: Scholarship Spotlight](#)
- [ACEC Celebrates Engineers Week 2021](#)
- [Government Affairs Update for February 19](#)

### UPCOMING

- April 14 – Financial Management for A/E Firms
- April 28 – Project Risk Analysis for Project Managers
- May 11 – [ACEC Oregon/USACE Liaison Committee meeting/presentation](#)
- May 20 – Annual Business Meeting with committee reports
- June 16 – [Networking Day golf tournament](#)

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