

The Coalition of Professional Surveyors COPS



COMING UP FOR '23-'24



NEW Online Education

Risk Management: Industry Update
December 7, 20 23 1:30 - 2:30 pm ET

Presented by Chad Wilson, General Council, Psomas
Free for all Coalition Members



Continued engagement with organizations including the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS), and U.S. Institute of Building Documentation (USIBD) - **Members receive a discount for GEO Week!**



COPS True North Survey Scholarship for surveying students. Find it on the **ACEC Research Institute** website.



OUR FOCUS

The way professional surveyors operate is changing rapidly due to factors including competition, technological advancements, and software developments.

The Coalition of Professional Surveyors focuses on improving the industry's reputation and business environment by promoting high-quality geospatial services, with an aim to turn challenges into opportunities.

ADVOCACY

COPS is committed to advocating for surveying-related issues and keeping surveying issues at the forefront of ACEC's efforts, including:

- Protecting and promoting licensure for America's surveyors and geospatial engineers
- Advocating field safety to promote a safe work environment
- Promoting the fields of surveying and geospatial engineering to fill the talent pipeline

MEMBER RESOURCES

NEWLY RELEASED!

Certified Survey Technician (CST) Program Information Session

Interested in finding out how to enhance your employees' careers while unlocking new opportunities for your firm? Listen in on the COPS most recent education session on NSPS's Certified Survey Technician Program. You can find it, and other COPS resources by scanning the QR code.

Find COPS publications, online event recordings, previous newsletters, and podcast episodes on [our website](#).

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EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE! Coalitions Winter Meeting

February 26-27, 2024
New Orleans, LA

Highlighting Innovation Forward - Leading your firm in today's technology-driven environment.

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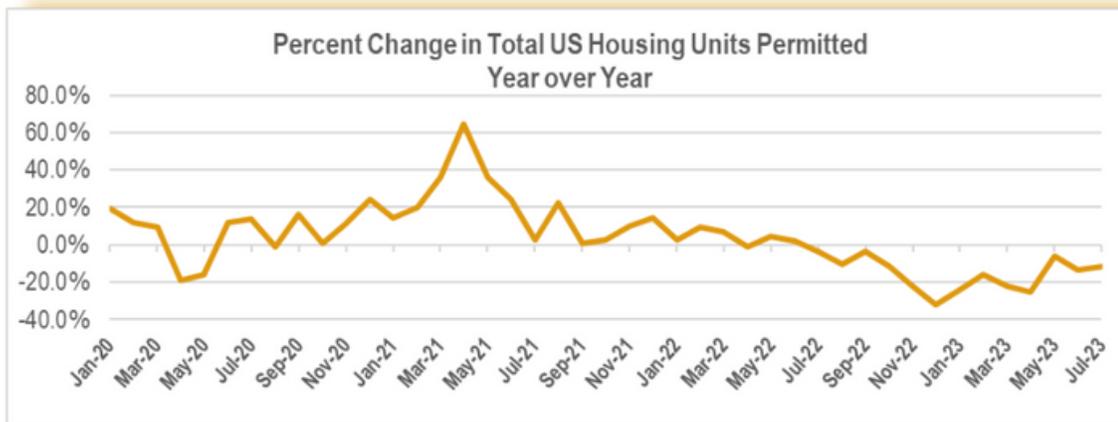
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THE SURVEYING LANDSCAPE

Private Markets

Since 2020, there have been dramatic shifts in how and where people live in the US. Understanding population demographic trends and preferences helps predict where new land development opportunities will occur. Any new land development will require professional surveyors to perform the skilled work needed for new construction. In addition to data on migration patterns, remote work statistics, and other measures of mobility, we can look at the number of building permits issued to understand what geographies will have a need for new construction. The chart below shows the percentage change in US housing over the last three years.

Due to historically low interest rates and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, 2021 saw dramatic demand for residential housing. However, since the start of 2022, mortgage rates have risen to a 22-year new high. The chart below shows the year-over-year change in housing unit permits issued throughout the US.



Data Source: US Census Build Permits Survey



Scan the QR code to learn more about ACEC's Private Industry Briefs.



DAVIS-BACON REQUIREMENTS

Advocacy

In 2022, COPS played a key role in ACEC comments pushing back on a proposal from the Department of Labor that survey crews should automatically be covered by Davis-Bacon requirements. The final rule from DOL, which was published in August, does not change current policy that the application of Davis-Bacon to survey crews depends on the facts of each project. ACEC is developing guidelines for member firms to help them comply with the new rule. More information on this issue or other ACEC advocacy topics can be found at acec.org/advocacy.

TRUE NORTH LAND SURVEYOR SCHOLARSHIP

Students enrolled in a technical program, community college, four-year or master's degree program in the fall of 2024 are encouraged to apply for the True North Land Surveyor Scholarship. The scholarship, designed to grow the field of surveyors, geospatial technicians, and professionals, is offered through a partnership between COPS and ACEC's Research Institute.



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