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The infrastructure data-analysis boom has huge potential and challenges for AEC firms, staffs and researchers.

[Read more](#) from Engineering News-Record.

## Is Poor Employee Engagement Management's Fault?



Polls say disengaged employees outnumber engaged employees by nearly 2:1. What's going on?

[Read more](#) from Entrepreneur.

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## Consumer Prices in U.S. Increase by Most Since February 2013



The U.S. cost of living increased in January by the most since February 2013, led by higher costs for gasoline and other goods and services that indicate inflation is gathering momentum.

The consumer-price index rose a larger-than-forecast 0.6 percent after a 0.3 percent gain in December, Labor Department figures showed Wednesday. Compared with the same month last year, costs paid by Americans for goods and services rose 2.5 percent, the most since March 2012.

[Read more](#) from Bloomberg.



## Sec. 1234A and Termination Fees



Merger or acquisition agreements often provide for the payment of a fee or forfeit of a deposit if the transaction does not close. This article examines the tax treatment of those payments, especially in light of Sec. 1234A, case law, and a number of Internal Revenue Service rulings.

It is not uncommon for the parties to a merger or acquisition agreement to terminate the transaction before it is consummated.

[Read the full article](#) from The Tax Adviser.

## Understanding the Effects of Social Security's Rising Retirement Age



Retirees who turn 62 this year will have to wait until two months after their 66th birthday to begin collecting full Social Security benefits. This article examines the implications as the retirement age starts a gradual rise toward age 67.

For those born during the five years after that, the full retirement age will gradually increase in two-month increments from 66 and 2 months for people born in 1955 to 66 and 10 months for those born in 1959.

[Read more](#) from U.S. News & World Report.

## Risk Management, Compliance are Key Challenges, Auditors Say



Forty-one percent of audit committee members point to risk management as the biggest challenge to their organizations this year, according to a recent KPMG survey. Other major issues include regulatory compliance and "maintaining the control environment in an extended organization," respondents said.

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## What Drones Mean for the Construction Sector

Drones are transforming the construction industry, which is finding several ways to utilize the technology. For example, companies can use drones to create contour maps, measure project components and compare real-world structures with their plans.

Right now, about 2.5 million drones regularly traverse America's airspace, with 500,000 of those belonging to commercial organizations.

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