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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Jeffery P. McBride, P.E.*



We now find ourselves at the end of another year and we should reflect on what this past year has meant and focus on the challenges of 2012.

I attended, along with several other ACEC/MD representatives, the ACEC 2011 Fall Conference this past October in Las Vegas. The conference featured great speakers and informative educational sessions. If you have never attended an ACEC Conference, I would encourage you to consider this in the future. I found that it was well worth the effort. As I said in my last Presidents Message, we should endeavor to communicate the value of ACEC and

ACEC/MD to our staff and colleagues. ACEC's recent victory in the six-year campaign to repeal the 3% federal withholding mandate is a good example of the work being done at the national level.

October also featured the Maryland General Assembly special session. Perhaps unexpectedly the Governor only used the session to address the new gerrymandered congressional re-districting and stayed away from more controversial initiatives. We are now getting ready to face the 2012 Maryland General Assembly session. As I write this message, I have just returned from our Legislative Breakfast at the Engineers Club, which marks ACEC/MD's official kickoff of the legislative season. The guest speaker was Gus Bauman, Chairman of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation Funding that just released their final report November 1st. Mr. Bauman's overview and insight into his thought process in chairing the committee and some of the background in the committee's findings was absolutely riveting.

As we prepare for the 2012 legislative session, our legislative committee has already met on multiple occasions under the very capable leadership of Alan Straus (URS Corporation). Our challenges include potential revenue increases to offset the looming \$1 Billion dollar structural deficit, how the Governor and legislature will choose to act on the Blue Ribbon Commissions report, and as always, the potential resurgence of a tax on professional services proposal. Our Legislative Action Day is Thursday January 19th kicking off with legislative visitations at 8:30 AM.

One certainty is that we must be ready to act this session when called upon to support the ACEC/MD agenda.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *(continued)*

Issues like transportation funding revenue increases and protection of the Transportation Trust Fund are more than likely "this session or bust". Following the 2012 session, we enter the election cycle, and these issues will be too hot to handle by legislators more concerned about their reelection prospects than the condition of our transportation infrastructure.

As with last month, because it so important, I close with an overview of our Political Action Committee (PAC) goals. ACEC/MD has exceeded their 2011 federal ACEC/PAC goal of \$21,500. With the national PAC goal achieved, a reminder to all member firms that we still have work to do with the local Maryland PAC, or CEPAC. CEPAC contributions are both individual and firm contributions. Less than one quarter of our 83 member firms have made a 4-year pledge of funding to CEPAC, and we have raised \$18,000 toward our goal of \$25,000 to be raised by December 31st of 2011. We must do better. The CEPAC contributions on behalf of ACEC/MD are vital if we are to gain access to Maryland Legislators. For better or worse, money talks and you know the rest. Please check with your firm and see if they have made a 4-year firm pledge to CEPAC. If you have personally and or your firm made a pledge, thank you. If you have not, please consider this personally and as a firm. It is critical to get our concerns heard.

For those of you that get confused by the various PAC's and request for funding, here is another reminder:

ACEC/PAC – ACEC National PAC, also referred to as "ACEC/PAC". Our current goal is \$21,500 annually from individual members. Contributions to this fund gets you the American flag pin on your name badge.

CEPAC – ACEC/MD State PAC is both an individual and firm contribution PAC. Our current goal is \$100,000 over the 4-year cycle, or \$25,000 per year. Our new 4-year cycle started January 2011, so we are one year in. Individual contributions to this fund gets you the Crab pin (my favorite) and your firm's contribution gets you the MD Logo pin on your name badge.

Best wishes for a wonderful Holiday Season! I look forward to seeing everyone at future events!

ACEC/MD ROLLS OUT 2012 BUSINESS AGENDA

The 2012 General Assembly Session convenes on January 11, 2012, and your Legislative Committee, chaired by URS' Alan Straus, has been laying the ground work for success in what promises to be a very challenging 90 days. With a large budget deficit once again looming, and an uneven economic recovery, the stakes have never been greater. If we are not successful in achieving a transportation revenue increase in 2012, the second year of the four year election cycle, there is very little chance of realizing an increase until the next election cycle.

Through individual discussions with legislators and at the Baltimore County Delegation Breakfast hosted by WBCM, ACEC/MD representatives have continued to stress the important link between infrastructure funding and the creation of sustainable jobs.

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ACEC/MD 2012 LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS AGENDA *(continued)*

While elected officials appear to understand the need to address the transportation crises, among some legislators there is a reticence to commit to supporting a gas tax increase due to the lack of integrity in the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) and gas prices that exceed \$3.00 per gallon. This is where you, their constituents, need to make your voice heard.

Led by ACEC/MD's Transportation Funding Subcommittee Chair Steve Zentz (Rummel, Klepper & Kahl), ACEC/MD has also played an integral role in assisting the Greater Baltimore Committee in organizing the START Coalition, that consists of 40 business groups including the Maryland Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Washington Board of Trade.



In addition to championing additional infrastructure funding in the state of Maryland, ACEC/MD continues to be vigilant to ensure that legislation is not introduced that would tax engineering services. While there has not been any specific threat to tax professional services, we continue to hear that all options are on the table when it comes to trimming the state's structural deficit.

Firms can assist in the Legislative Committee's efforts by:

- Contacting their elected officials to share their viewpoint on these important issues.
- Responding to Legislative Alerts issued by ACEC/MD.
- Attending ACEC/MD's Legislative Action Day and the START Coalition's Jobs Rally on January 19, 2012.
- Providing ACEC/MD with the legislative districts of both the firm and employees.

ACEC/MD's 2012 Business Agenda was officially rolled out at the Annual Legislative Breakfast, as follows:

INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING ACEC/MD strongly encourages immediate action to implement infrastructure funding measures.

Maryland is facing a crisis; one that affects our economy, our safety, and our quality of life. To maintain the State's economic competitiveness and viability, it is critical that we invest now in building new infrastructure and rehabilitating or replacing our aging roads, transit systems, bridges, water and wastewater systems, schools, public buildings and the energy grid. Investment for the needed design and construction of these systems will:

- Provide sustainable jobs and energize our economy
- Help to fund the State's highest priority projects through long-range planning
- Decrease congestion, wasted resources, time, and costs, while increasing quality of life
- Modernize and extend the life of our existing infrastructure, and improve the safety for users of these systems.



ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT NOW WILL:

- Create many types of sustainable jobs and energize the economy
- Extend the life of our existing infrastructure and ensure the safety of the public

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ACEC/MD 2012 LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS AGENDA *(continued)*

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING Immediate action is required to increase funding for transportation. Funding for our valued and important transportation system has not kept pace with the maintenance needs of the system:

- The State portion of the motor vehicle fuel tax has remained 23.5-cents per gallon of gasoline since 1992
- As a percentage of the cost of gas, the tax was 21% in 1992 and is just 7% in 2011
- If we wait, we run the risk of higher maintenance and repair costs, increased safety concerns, and reduced mobility
- Reducing traffic congestion will prevent environmental degradation.

ACEC/MD supports the funding recommendations of the Governor-appointed Blue Ribbon Commission, which calls for:

- A total 15-cent gas tax increase phased in over three years
- After three years, index gas tax increases to keep pace with inflation
- A 50% increase in vehicle registration fees and increasing the titling tax rate from 6% to 6.5%
- Increasing fees for emissions testing, miscellaneous MVA fees, and transit fares

PUT "TRUST" BACK INTO THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND

ACEC/MD supports policies and legislation that ***ensure transportation revenues and funding intended for transportation are used for transportation.*** This is how legislators can be assured their support for additional infrastructure funding will go to funding projects in their district!



CHESAPEAKE BAY PROTECTION AND RESTORATION FUNDING In addition to increases in transportation funding and to protect the Chesapeake Bay, ACEC/MD supports increases in infrastructure funding to help meet the more stringent environmental policies dictated by the federal government's mandated reduction in Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and associated "pollution diet." Often referred to as the "flush tax," this increase in funding would be used to retrofit stormwater management systems and septic systems, as well as finishing upgrades to our 67 major wastewater treatment plants. Without this increase in funds, Maryland's water and wastewater infrastructure continue to decay and become more costly to maintain. Likewise, new and needed infrastructure will not be put in place to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay, our most treasured natural resource.

TAXES ON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ACEC/MD strongly discourages a tax on professional services.

This tax would hurt Maryland firms as it would not apply to out-of-state firms doing work in Maryland. Professional jobs will move out of Maryland. It has been proven in several other states that the burden and cost of administering the plan is significant.

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ACEC/MD 2012 LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS AGENDA *(continued)*

MINORITY BUSINESS/SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING ACEC/MD supports legislative initiatives in Maryland to enhance participation of small, minority-owned businesses on state-funded contracts.

- ACEC/MD supports Maryland's Small Business Reserve Program, and is currently working with state agencies to utilize this program more frequently in engineering and related services sectors.
- One third of ACEC/MD member firms are small businesses or small minority-owned/disadvantaged businesses (MBE/DBE's). All of our member firms collaborate with each other to continue to provide high-quality engineering services while meeting the state's MBE/DBE subcontracting goals.
- Our legislative agenda priorities, infrastructure funding, preventing taxes on professional services and qualifications based selection (QBS), all profoundly affect the viability of small and MBE/DBE engineering and related services firms in Maryland.
- Any small/minority business participation goals should be based on the availability of firms that are professionally qualified, and that are ready and able to provide the requested services.

QUALIFICATIONS-BASED SELECTION (QBS) The procurement of engineering and related services is one of the most important parts of the process for ensuring quality of a constructed project. A qualifications-based selection (QBS) process allows the owner to choose the firm determined to be the most qualified based on objective criteria. Selecting the most qualified firm results in the least expensive project over the long run, as a high quality design phase will result in less expensive construction and maintenance costs.

ACEC/MD LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY AND START COALITION JOBS RALLY IN ANNAPOLIS

8:30AM – Targeted Legislative Visitations

11:30AM – 1:30PM – Annual CEPAC Luncheon
Governor Calvert House, 58 State Circle

2:00PM – Jobs Rally
Lawyers Mall, Annapolis

For more information on this program and to register, contact the ACEC/MD office at 410-539-1592 or acecmd@acecmd.org. Be sure to let us know both the firm's Legislative District and the District that your employees reside in.

In addition to hosting the annual Legislative Action Day in Annapolis, being held on Thursday, January 19th, ACEC/MD is taking a leading role in supporting a jobs rally being organized the same day by the START Coalition.

Mark your calendar for January 19th and plan on assisting ACEC/MD in delivering a strong message to the members of the General Assembly that now is the time to address the critical infrastructure needs impacting the state of Maryland.

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ACEC/MD LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY AND START COALITION JOBS RALLY IN ANNAPOLIS *(continued)*

The day will start with Legislative visitations at approximately 8:30am, followed by our annual CEPAC luncheon from 11:30am-1:30pm. At 2:00pm, we will take the short walk to Lawyers Mall to rally with other members of the transportation industry, including union members, to deliver a clear message to our elected officials that the state and the transportation industry cannot afford to delay increasing transportation funding and the associated sustainable jobs that would be realized.

Assuming that all Democrats in Baltimore City, and Prince George's and Montgomery Counties would support a revenue increase, the START Coalition has identified an additional 18 legislators that are on the fence in Howard, Baltimore, Anne Arundel County and the newly established Blue Dog Coalition in the legislature.

It is important that we overwhelm legislators with a large number of constituents at both the ACEC/MD events and the START rally. Your firm cannot afford to sit back and assume that someone else is going to carry our message to the General Assembly. Legislation must be passed this year to increase transportation funding and return the trust to the Transportation Trust Fund.

The morning appointments will be scheduled for you, your elected officials have been invited to the luncheon, and participants will be armed with fact sheets and a list of legislators that need to be targeted.

All you, the constituent, has to do is show up and deliver the message that now is the time to act! If we don't get an increase this year, the second year of the election cycle, there is no hope for an increase for another three years.

We look forward to seeing you on January 19th!

ACEC/MD HOSTS RECEPTION FOR ACEC CHAIRMAN NEIMEYER

ACEC/MD representatives turned out at the Garrett Jacobs Mansion to recognize KCI Technologies' Terry Neimeyer for rising to the Chairmanship of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC).

The President of ACEC/MD in 2001-2002, Terry thanked those in attendance for their support of both him and ACEC. He outlined the challenges that lie ahead in optimizing the environment our firms operate in, and announced that the repeal of the 3% withholding tax was headed to the President for his signature. During his closing remarks Terry acknowledged that he was following in the footsteps of former ACEC Presidents - the late Andrew Parker (1981-1982) (Mueller Associates) and Jim Thomas (1987-1988) (George, Miles & Buhr), and Vice President Cathy Ritter (1993-1994) (Constellation Design Group).

As a tribute to Terry, attendees contributed approximately \$1,200 to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, a favorite charity of his. We wish Terry continued success in the second half of his term in office!

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PRESIDENT SIGNS BILL INTO LAW ELIMINATING 3% WITHHOLDING TAX

After a six-year effort, Chairman Terry Neimeyer (KCI Technologies) was able to lead ACEC in securing a victory in the effort to repeal the onerous 3% withholding tax.

On hand at the White House signing ceremony was ACEC President Dave Raymond, who was complimented by Miami-Dade County Commissioner Sally Heyman for taking a lead role in this initiative, ahead of both the truckers and the Chamber of Commerce.

Had this legislation become law, in 2013, federal, state and some municipalities would have been required to withhold 3% of payments to contractors. Congress passed the withholding requirement in 2006 to reduce tax evasion among government contractors. Effectively it would have amounted to billions of dollars in interest free loans to the government.

This effort also once again demonstrated the importance of supporting ACEC/PAC, ACEC's federal political action committee. As soon as he was elected to fill the seat of the late Ted Kennedy, ACEC cultivated a relationship with Massachusetts Senator Scott Brown. After being educated about the importance of this legislation, he became the chief Senate sponsor.

ACEC/MD HOSTS FUNDRAISER FOR CONGRESSMAN CUMMINGS

Through member firm employees and ACEC/PAC contributions, ACEC/MD was able to raise approximately \$15,000 for long-time ACEC/MD supporter Congressman Elijah Cummings.

At the November 10th event, the Congressman graciously took an hour and half out of his busy schedule to first meet with the Host Committee in a small group setting, and then with other contributors to discuss issues of importance to our member firms.

At the event the Congressman was advised of the difficulties facing the industry due to the downturn in infrastructure funding and the uncertainty brought on by the inability to pass transportation, water and aviation legislation. The Congressman was very surprised to hear that the ARRA funds failed to have a positive impact on engineering firms providing transportation infrastructure services. In fact, according to SHA statistics, 60% of funds went to resurfacing. Members reiterated a message that was delivered earlier in the year that due to open-end agreements, engineers could be put back to work in a short time frame providing plans for sustainable projects that would stimulate the entire construction industry.

During his comments, the Congressman seemed genuinely interested in how engineering fits into the entire building process, and was surprised to hear that in a lot of cases young engineering school graduates are unable to pursue a career in their chosen field. In fact, he offered to facilitate a presentation before a Congressional Committee that would allow ACEC/MD to explain these details to a Congressional Committee.

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ACEC/MD HOSTS FUNDRAISER FOR CONGRESSMAN CUMMINGS *(continued)*

Members of the Host Committee include:

Jeff McBride (EBL Engineers)
 Leon Kriebel (Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani)
 Dana Knight (McCormick Taylor)
 Jack Moeller (Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson)
 Mike Myers (Rummel, Klepper & Kahl)
 Joe Makar (Whitman, Requardt & Associates)
 Art Barrett (Gannett Fleming)
 Stu Taub (Wallace, Montgomery & Associates)
 Jim Blake (Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson)
 Stu Robinson (A. Morton Thomas & Associates)
 Bev Pannee (RJM Engineering)
 Jerry Jannetti (Parsons Brinckerhoff)

AWARDS BANQUET SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

The American Council of Engineering Companies/Maryland (ACEC/MD) is pleased to offer interested firms the opportunity to cosponsor the ACEC/MD Awards Banquet. This annual event recognizes all finalists in our Engineering Excellence Awards Program, along with the recipients of the President's Award, the Young Professional of the Year Award, and the ACEC/MD Community Service Award. This banquet will be held at the historic Garrett-Jacobs Mansion, 11 West Mount Vernon Place, Baltimore, on Thursday, February 16, 2012 from 6:00 – 9:00 PM.

Member firms, suppliers to the industry, and other interested parties are invited to participate in this celebration by co-sponsoring the event. Included in this sponsorship are:

- *Recognition on a sign board posted at the event.*
- *Acknowledgement in the March-April, 2012 ACEC/MD Newsletter.*
- *Advertisement in the February 16, 2012 event program.*

The investment for sponsoring the February 16, 2012 event is only:

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| Platinum | <i>inside front or back cover (6½" high x 4½" wide)*</i> | \$750.00 |
| Gold | <i>full page vertical ad (6½" high x 4½" wide)*</i> | \$500.00 |
| Silver | <i>½ page horizontal ad (3½" high x 4½" wide)*</i> | \$250.00 |
| Bronze | <i>Business card ad*</i> | \$100.00 |

(Please note: Platinum and Gold ads must be portrait; Silver and Bronze ads must be landscape.)

* Ad must adhere to the layout and size requirements; otherwise ACEC/MD is not responsible for the appearance.

To take advantage of this opportunity, email your color ad (.pdf or .jpg format) to acecmd@acecmd.org or acecmd@aol.com by the close of business on January 18, 2012. For further information, please contact the ACEC/MD office at 410-539-1592.

We hope that you will join us in this celebration of "Excellence in Engineering," and at the same time take advantage of this chance to promote your company's name.

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WRA'S JOE MAKAR HONORED AS ACEC/MD'S NEWEST FELLOW

It was great to once again have the Fellows Committee host ACEC/MD's December General Membership Meeting. Recognized at this event was ACEC/MD's newest Fellow – Joe Makar (WRA).

ACEC/MD Fellows are individuals who have been principals of a member firm for not less than five years at the time of their election and have notably contributed to the advancement of consulting engineering in administrative leadership, design, science, by literature, in education or by service to the profession.



Joseph S. Makar, P.E., is the Administrative Partner at Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP (WR&A), a Baltimore-based firm established in 1915 with offices in Maryland, Delaware, Maine, Pennsylvania, Texas and Virginia. Joe has over 30 years of transportation expertise, and currently manages the day-to-day business operations of the firm. He is also involved in the firm's Transportation Division, which encompasses planning, environmental services, design and construction management for roadway, bridge, traffic, rail and transit projects. Joe is a Registered Professional Engineer in Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania.

A resident of Reisterstown, Joe joined WR&A in 1993 as an Associate, became a Partner in 1996, and then assumed the responsibility of Administrative Partner in 2006. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland in 1978 and a Masters of Business Administration from Loyola College in 1982. Joe previously served ACEC/MD as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, ACEC/MD Director and chair of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Liaison Committee. He actively participates in the Maryland Quality Initiative (MdQI), American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), Maryland Association of Engineers, Chi Epsilon Civil Engineering Honor Society, and Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society. Joe has also been involved in programs focusing on exposing high school and middle school students to the transportation industry.

SPONSORS NEEDED FOR STUDENT OUTREACH INITIATIVE

While the engineering industry continues to suffer from a lack of funding for sustainable projects, it does not take a crystal ball to determine that when the recovery hits full stride the profession will suffer from a dearth of young talent. Because of numerous restrictions on the type of items that can be given to students, the ACEC/MD Public Relations Committee, chaired by RKK's Kim Troiani, has been tasked with selecting items that would be permitted in schools. In addition, to better carry the message of the valuable benefits that engineers provide to society, the committee will utilize a logo that depicts the various types of projects that our member firms undertake. This approach will once again eliminate the need for firms to provide items with their logos that often cannot be distributed to prospective employees.

All sponsors will have their logos featured in a slideshow/board displayed at career outreach events where the items are distributed and at ACEC/MD's events, including the Spring MDOT Modal Program.

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SPONSORS NEEDED FOR STUDENT OUTREACH INITIATIVE

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We are calling on all member firms to assist in this important initiative by becoming a sponsor at one of the following levels:

Gold Sponsorship - \$500

Supporting Sponsor - \$250

By January 20, 2012, so that your firm can be recognized as supporting ACEC/MD's career outreach efforts, please advise the ACEC/MD office of your interest in cosponsoring this important initiative.

NEW MEMBERS

The following firms have been elected to membership in ACEC/MD:

KCE Engineering, Inc. (Regular Membership)

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Rep/Contact: Gina Kathuria gina@kceengineering.com

Website: www.kceengineering.com

Brief History and Activities of the Firm: Founded in 1997, KCE Engineering is a multi-disciplinary civil engineering firm specializing in land development and site engineering; solid waste management; stormwater management including stormwater facility inspection and design; regulatory compliance including public outreach and public relations; surveying and mapping; geotechnical engineering and transportation engineering. The firm's field of operation also includes mining; regulatory compliance; public outreach and public relations. KCE is a certified MBE and WBE firm.

ParenteBeard, LLC (Affiliate Membership)

100 West Road, Suite 404, Baltimore, MD 21204

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Contact: D. Hunter Mink Hunter.Mink@ParenteBeard.com

Website: www.parentebeard.com

Brief History and Activities of the Firm: Formed in 2009 through the merger of Beard Miller Company and Parente Randolph, the firm's legacy companies have roots that run back to 1926. ParenteBeard is known as the largest full service regional accounting firm in the mid-Atlantic region. The firm has extensive expertise in the A/E industry including FAR audits for federal agencies and many state agencies. ParenteBeard performed a number of direct cost audits and performs consulting work related to contract negotiations. The firm also has expertise in tax related issues including international tax issues, business valuations, mergers and acquisitions, and ESOP valuations.

Whitehorn Financial Group, Inc. (Affiliate Membership)

44 Main Street, Suite 3, Milburn, NJ 07041

Telephone: 973-564-9330; FAX: 973-564-9129

Contact: Stephen R. Whitehorn steve@whitehornfinancial.com

Website: www.whitehornfinancial.com

Brief History and Activities of the Firm: Stephen Whitehorn is the Managing Principal of Whitehorn Financial Group, Inc. The firm delivers its proprietary program to help firms navigate today's competitive marketplace. Whitehorn Financial provides practice and risk management solutions that minimize risk while increasing profitability and speeding up cash flow.

We welcome these firms as members of ACEC/MD. Be sure to add their information to your records. The next time you see one of their representatives, please take the time to let them know we're glad that they have joined the Council!

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MEMBERS NEWS

A. MORTON THOMAS & ASSOCIATES, INC. is pleased to announce that ***Darin Simpson, P.E.*** joined the firm as an Associate in their Verona, VA office. He will be responsible for leading their traffic signal inspection practice and supporting construction inspection and traffic engineering activities throughout the region.

DEWBERRY has named ***Douglas M. Adams, GISP*** as senior project manager in the Baltimore office. With 25 years of experience in the geospatial industry, he will focus on the GIS needs of local and state governments.

EA ENGINEERING has announced the following:

- the firm received the 2011 New Directions Award from Baltimore County. This annual award is presented to a company that exemplifies the quality and future direction of the county's business community.
- ***William Goodfellow***, Vice President and Senior Scientist, has been recognized by the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) for his many years of outstanding service.
- ***Abbie Adams Smith, P.E., C.E.M., M.B.A.*** is one of only five national recipients of ACEC's 2011 Young Professional of the Year award. This national awards competition recognizes young engineers by highlighting their professional accomplishments and the resulting impact on society.

EBA ENGINEERING, INC. is pleased to announce the acquisition of Kennedy, Porter and Associates, Inc., a highly reputable structural/civil engineering firm in Maryland. The firm also announces that ***Dhruba (DJ) Biswas, PE, CCM, PMP, LEED AP*** was elected President of the Baltimore Chapter of the Construction Management Association of America.

GREENHORNE & O'MARA expands its Coatings/Corrosion Engineering Department with the addition of ***Harvey L. Flechner***. With over 43 years of experience in the industry, Mr. Flechner will serve as a project manager responsible for managing transportation projects for local, state, and federal projects.

Celebrating their 100th Anniversary, **JAMES POSEY ASSOCIATES** has endowed a permanent new scholarship fund to be administered by the Engineering Society of Baltimore Education Foundation.

KCI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. announces that the Maryland-Asia Environmental Partnership recently honored Senior Vice President ***Thomas G. Sprehe, PE, BCEE***, with the Partner of the Year Award for demonstrating leadership in engineering innovative environmental and energy solutions within the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

PHOENIX ENGINEERING, INC. has relocated to :

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Stu Robinson, P.E.
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**February 1 & 2****MdQI Conference**

Baltimore. The early bird registration expires January 6, 2012. To register, go to www.mdqi.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS**January 19, 2012 ACEC/MD's Legislative Action Day**

8:30AM – Targeted Legislative Visitations

11:30AM – 1:30PM – Annual CEPAC Luncheon

Governor Calvert House, 58 State Circle, Annapolis

2:00PM – Jobs Rally

Lawyers Mall, Annapolis

For more information on this program and to register, contact the ACEC/MD office at 410-539-1592 or acecmd@acecmd.org. Be sure to let us know both the firm's Legislative District and the District that your employees reside in.

February 16, 2012 ACEC/MD Awards Banquet

6pm, Garrett-Jacobs Mansion, Baltimore.

For reservations contact the ACEC/MD office at 410.539.1592 or acecmd@aol.com.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Save The Date!

June 20-23, 2012

**ACEC/MD 24th Annual Conference
Lido Beach Resort, Sarasota, Florida**

Questions on the Conference?

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