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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Jack Moeller, P.E.*



### **If you are tired of the cold weather and snow how about some Maryland politics to warm you up?**

It is still too early to tell how we will fare during this legislative session, but we appear to be on track with our legislative agenda. Bills have been introduced addressing our legislative agenda items including:

- HB 345 - Courts - Certificate of Merit - Provider of Professional Services
- HB 1302 - Agreements to Defend or Pay the Cost of Defense - Void
- HB 1315 - Minority Business Participation - Liquidated Damages Provisions - Exclusion for Architectural and Engineering Services Contracts

Our Legislative Committee continues to testify on these bills when the hearings are scheduled. They are also ready to provide written and oral testimony on the numerous bills attempting to defund previously passed environmental infrastructure funding. Because this is an election year, we need to be vigilant until the bell rings at midnight April 7th, sine die.

It is never too early to start thinking about next year. I recently attended the ethics training at the MDQI annual conference given by Mr. Michael Lord, ESQ, Executive Director of the State Ethics Commission. While much of the training focused on the dos and don'ts of dealing with State employees, I found two issues to be particularly eye opening. The first is that the Ethics Commission recognizes that the existing ethics law doesn't really fit the current procurement methods for Design/Build or P3s. The second issue, after prodding by me, is that Mr. Lord would support moving Article 15-508 from the State Government Article to the State Finance and Procurement Article. So, why is that important?

The simple answer is that Article 15-508 deals with procurement and belongs in the State Finance and Procurement Article not in the State Government Article that deals primarily with State government operations. Again, so why is that important? Currently if there is a question about anything pertaining to Article 15-508 the State Ethics Commission has sole jurisdiction. The procurement officer, the agency head and the Board of Contract Appeals, which are typically involved in

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *(continued)*

other contract matters and disputes have no say so. Routine decisions that could easily be answered by the procurement officer now are referred to the State Ethics Commission. The Ethics Commission's structure and operating procedures are not designed to provide quick responses on complicated procurement matters. It is designed to be a deliberative process to essentially determine the guilt or innocence of a State employee or official. While it does have a small staff to perform investigations of alleged ethics violations, it does not have expertise in procurement methods, design or construction. Another complication is that the Ethics Commission is required by statute to keep all of its decisions confidential unless the individual or company requesting advice gives their approval to release the decision. Therefore, decisions that could affect the viability of subconsultants or primes on a contract could be hidden from the rest of the team. The obvious result could be rejection of the entire team, including the innocent members, on a project.

A couple of examples might better illustrate my concerns:

### Example No.1

XY Consulting worked on the preliminary design and developed the procurement specifications for a Design/Build (D/B) transit project. XY performed \$700K as a DBE subconsultant on the job. XY asks the State Ethics Commission for an advisory opinion on whether it would be precluded from participating on the final D/B project. XY is advised by the Commission in a confidential opinion that it could not participate because it performed over \$500K of design and drafted the specifications. XY decides that it doesn't agree with the Commission and proceeds to join a D/B team. The team submits a Statement of Qualifications and is found to be non responsive by the transit agency because of XY's initial work on the project. The D/B team had no way of knowing of the Commission's opinion because it was confidential and the transit agency took no responsibility for the completeness of the list of precluded firms.

### Example No.2

YZ Consulting worked on the preliminary design for a D/B transit project. YZ performed \$400K as a DBE subconsultant on the job. The transit agency incorrectly listed YZ in the procurement documents as a firm precluded from participating on the project. YZ files a protest which is rejected because YZ's only recourse is to request an opinion from the State Ethics Commission. The D/B team decides it can't wait six months for the Ethics Commission to make a decision and selects a different subconsultant.

So let's go back to the first issue, the current ethics law doesn't accommodate D/B or P3 procurements very well. Since Article 15-508 is the only section of the Ethics law that covers procurement, moving it to State Finance and Procurement Article would solve the problem. The Finance and Procurement Article has the necessary supporting language, definitions and procurement regulations (COMARTitle 21). Presumably, Article 15-508 is poorly understood because it is orphaned from the rest of State procurement law.

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## ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)***

While we are too late to make changes this year, I believe we should make this high on next year's legislative agenda. The ideal method would be to work with the Administration through MDOT, DGS and the Ethics Commission to craft legislation that would be introduced as a departmental bill.

Now for an update on our short term goals for the year:

1. We have met our goal of adding three new regular members and one affiliate member.
2. We didn't meet our goal of having at least 100 member employees attend the annual legislative luncheon. Only 56 members attended and we were outnumbered by the 87 legislators and aides that attended. We need to do better next year.
3. We are on target to meet our goal of having a program targeted for MEP firms. A program on the Education Market is scheduled for March 25th.
4. We met the goal of having a scorecard for ACEC/PAC, CEPAC and Minute-man fund raising.
5. Our goal of timely dues payments is improving. Seventeen of the 21 firms that represent the Executive Committee and Committee Chairs paid their dues by December 31st.
6. We are still working to meet our goal of clarifying the official representative and alternate for each member firm. If you haven't already done so, please update your contacts.

Lastly, please be prepared to respond to "Legislative Alerts". With over a month remaining in this election year legislative session, there will be a need for us to mobilize at least 1000 employees to send emails and letters to their legislators in support of our agenda.

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## ***SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM*** **Environmental Business Opportunities Forum**

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

The Engineers Club (Garrett-Jacobs Mansion)  
 11 West Mount Vernon Place, Baltimore

Registration/Continental Breakfast: 8:00 AM      Program: 8:30 AM—Noon

This year's program will feature a variety of presentations on timely business opportunities in the environmental arena. Watch for more details!

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## *LEON KRIEBEL RECOGNIZED AS NEWEST ACEC/MD FELLOW*

Leon Kriebel, PE was recognized at the December General Membership Meeting as ACEC/MD's newest Fellow. He joins a group of distinguished member firm representatives that have notably contributed to the advancement of consulting engineering in administrative leadership, design, science, by literature in education or by service to the profession.



It is with extreme pleasure that we acknowledge

**LEON KRIEBEL, P.E.**

as a newly appointed Fellow of ACEC/MD.

Leon is the President of WBCM, a Baltimore-headquartered architecture, engineering and construction firm. WBCM serves public and private clients throughout the Mid-Atlantic region and beyond with additional offices in Pittsburgh, Harrisburg and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Leon joined WBCM in 1983 as a Project Manager in the Transportation Division, was named an Associate in 1987, became an Executive Vice President in 2001, and became a Principal in 2004. In July of 2009, Leon was named President of WBCM.

A graduate of Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering, Leon has 38 years of experience in the planning and design of transportation projects throughout the state of Maryland. His broad range of design experience includes expressways, urban streets, streetscapes, interchanges, hydrologic/hydraulic analysis, storm drain design, stormwater management, erosion/sediment control and environmental permits.

Leon oversees the highway, bridge and traffic engineering, transportation planning and construction inspection services for WBCM. A resident of Fallston, he has been an active design Principal on major projects in the State. Over his career, Leon has worked on many of Maryland's major transportation projects including, I-195, the widening of US 50/301, the extension of Warren Road including the I-83/Warren Road Interchange, the widening of the Baltimore Beltway, Salisbury Bypass, Hampstead Bypass, the US 29 and MD 198 Interchange, the roadway network for Arundel Mills and the Intercounty Connector.

In addition to serving ACEC/MD as President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director and ACEC Alternate Director, he is actively involved in other A/E/C professional organizations including ASCE, Past President of the Chesapeake Chapter of ASHE and currently serving on the Board of the DBIA-Mid-Atlantic Chapter.

*ACEC/MD FELLOWS*

Dick Beall (2002)  
Ben Beavin (1998)  
Bucky Bukowitz (2002)  
Carl Canatella (2002)  
Dan Cheng (2006)  
Paul Cox (1994)  
Bob Davidson (1994)  
Harvey Floyd (2007)  
Bill Franswick (2002)  
Kunal Gangopadhyay (2005)  
Al Gipe (1993)  
John Grice (1994)  
Gene Harvey  
Gary Johnson (2002)  
Jack Kinstlinger (1994)  
Emil Kordish  
Leon Kriebel (2013)  
Jerry Lamprecht (1994)  
Dick Lortz (1999)  
Dick Magnani (2010)  
Joe Makar (2011)  
Jeff McBride (2012)  
Bob McNeill (2003)  
Chuck Meyer (1995)  
Tom Mohler (1999)  
David Mongan (2010)  
Mike Myers (2010)  
Terry Neimeyer (2003)  
Andrew Parker  
Cathy Ritter (1996)  
Hank Schlenger (1995)  
Dev Sidhu (1999)  
Bill Smith (2002)  
Harry Stephen (2009)  
Doug Suess (2002)  
Jim Thomas  
Fred Wagner (2006)  
Cay Weinell (2007)  
Sandy Whitney (1993)  
George Wirth (2008)  
Steve Zentz (2004)

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## *MARYLAND QUALITY INITIATIVE'S CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING CAREER DAY*

From: Dan Cheng  
Co-Chairman, MD Quality Initiative

We are pleased to announce that MdQI's 9th Highway Construction & Engineering Career Day will be held on April 3, 2014 in Timonium. This year's event is being presented with Baltimore County Schools to introduce students to the transportation industry. We are pleased that so many of our industry partners have embraced the event over the years, and continue to reach out to us to be a part of this worthwhile event. Making this event one that is informative and hands on will help to create a memorable experience for each of the participants. This has been documented in the student surveys and verbal and written accolades that we have received over the last few years.

Baltimore County School representatives are participating on the planning team this year. They will be taking the necessary steps to invite specific high school students who are genuinely interested in career information on civil engineering and related fields, or construction trades and heavy equipment maintenance to support transportation in Maryland.

The Construction Trades area will have opportunities for hands-on activities; and students, their teachers, and counselors will have the opportunity to tour the on-site operations. The Engineering area will contain timed, interactive presentations on each phase of the project development process (planning, surveying, design, structures, traffic, geotech, etc.). Local firms, contractors, material producers, suppliers, SHA, and FHWA personnel will have the opportunity to serve as presenters at the presentation stations. Due to space limitations, we will not offer company-sponsored booths. Maryland colleges and universities will also be at the event to provide materials and answer questions on educational opportunities as well.

In order to make this event successful in 2014, we again request the generous support of the Transportation Industry for this event. Sponsors will be recognized at the event, in distributed materials, as well as on the MdQI website.

Sponsorship levels are as follows:

Lunch Sponsor: \$2,000 (two requested)

Gold Level: \$1,000 (five requested)

Silver Level: \$500 (five requested)

Bronze Level: \$250 (five requested)

Please send checks, addressed to and made payable to the MD Transportation Builders and Materials Association (MTBMA), to 2408-F Peppermill Drive, Glen Burnie, MD 21061; attention to Ms. Shelly Baquol. Please note on the check that it is for "Career Day". Shelly can be reached at 410-760-9505. Other giveaways promoting your company can also be sent to Shelly as well.

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## *MARYLAND QUALITY INITIATIVE'S CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING CAREER DAY (continued)*

If you would like to participate in this event as a presenter or if you need additional information, this event is being coordinated by Mark Crampton in the SHA District 7 office. He may be contacted via e-mail at [mcrampton@sha.state.md.us](mailto:mcrampton@sha.state.md.us) or at 301-624-8159.

We would like to thank you for your support of this event, which allows us to continue to promote the great career opportunities available in highway construction and civil engineering. Many of the young people who attend this event may be willing to work in our industry as early as May or June. Other students may decide to study civil engineering because of this real world experience that we provide at this event. The Transportation Industry is gearing up to meet the demands of Maryland's growing Consolidated Transportation Program. Therefore, your continued support will pay off for our industry in the years ahead, as we partner as a team to deliver Maryland's Transportation Investment.

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## *ATTENDANCE AT HOLIDAY PARTY SETS NEW RECORD*

With a record 174 ACEC/MD representatives in attendance, this year's Holiday Party was a great success. While parking was a little tight due to training being conducted in another part of the facility, holiday cheer was readily apparent. We would like to thank the following sponsors for once again making the evening a great success:

### Elite Sponsor:

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Stambaugh Ness

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Wallace, Montgomery & Associates  
Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani

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## *ACEC/MD REPRESENTATIVES PROMOTE BUSINESS AGENDA*

Kicking off a very active legislative session, on January 16th, over 55 ACEC/MD representatives took time out of their busy schedules to participate in this year's Legislative Action Day.

First on the agenda were meetings in the morning with key elected officials to discuss ACEC/MD's primary initiatives for 2014. This was followed by an informal luncheon at the Governor Calvert House, where 86 legislators and their aides were provided the chance to sit down with their constituents prior to the upcoming elections. The day's activities laid the ground work for more extensive efforts in support of ACEC/MD's legislative initiatives.

While legislators appear to appreciate the unintentional consequences associated with the liquidated damages provision for MBE compliance, there is always hesitation for them to support any initiative that is perceived as eroding the MBE laws in the state. A hearing on House Bill 1315 is scheduled March 3rd in the House Health and Government Operations Committee.

Responding to a recent court decision that the Certificate of Merit law does not apply to a non-licensed professional, House Bill 345 was introduced and heard on February 5th in the House Judiciary Committee. The only opposition to the bill came from the Maryland Bar Association and Maryland Association for Justice, who objected to a proposed requirement that the expert be a Maryland PE. At Delegate Luiz Simmons' (D-17) request, ACEC/MD has agreed to drop the Maryland PE requirement, but he is still expressing concern that the requirement to attain a certificate is too broad. Efforts are ongoing with Delegate Simmons to address his concerns, and we request that anyone residing in his district contact him to encourage his support for this legislation.

Finally, House Bill 1302 - Agreements to Defend or Pay the Cost of Defense - Void is scheduled for a hearing in the House Judiciary Committee on March 5th. This legislation would prohibit contracts for design, inspection or surveying services from including a "duty to defend" clause.

If your elected officials are on the Judiciary or Health & Government Operations Committees, please contact them and encourage their support on these important initiatives.

### **CENTURY'S DICK BEALL PASSES AWAY AT 82**

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of

***Richard (Dick) Olin Beall,***

founder of Century Engineering, Inc. in Hunt Valley. An avid golfer, Dick's career at Century spanned over 40 years, most recently as Senior Vice President of Marketing and Development. A Fellow of ACEC/MD, he was a true gentleman that was always ready to lend a hand.

A celebration of his life will take place in the spring of 2014. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Gilchrest Hospice Care or a charity of your choice.

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## *21ST ANNUAL MDQI CONFERENCE DELIVERS FOR TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY*

While this year's weather events proved challenging for both organizers and attendees of the MdQI conference, the 21st annual event was another huge success. Spearheaded by Co-Chairs Dan Cheng (Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson) and Retiring SHA Deputy Administrator Greg Welker, the conference once again demonstrated the spirit of partnering between government agencies, consultants, and contractors. Joining the conference this year was the newest MdQI partner, the Baltimore City Department of Transportation.

As in previous years, ACEC/MD representatives were once again spotlighted as winners in the MdQI Awards. Award winners included:

### *PLANNING STUDIES WINNER*

MTA – BALTIMORE RED LINE TRANSIT PLANNING STUDY  
 MTA – PLANNING PROJECT DIRECTOR = HENRY KAY  
 PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS = **JACOBS; STV; WHITMAN, REQUARDT & ASSOCIATES; GANNETT FLEMING; WALLACE MONTGOMERY**  
 GENERAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS = **PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF; RK&K; AECOM**; ROSBOROUGH COMMUNICATIONS; REMLINE

### *GREEN/SUSTAINABILITY/ENVIRONMENTAL WINNER*

SHA – INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR UPPER PAINT BRANCH SWM RETROFIT SITES  
 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR = RUSTLER CONSTRUCTION, INC.  
 CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGER = RICARDO GONZALEZ (**URS CORP.**)  
 DESIGN FIRMS = **RUMMEL, KLEPPER, & KAHL (RK&K); PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF; URS CORP.**; MAHAN RYKIEL  
 DESIGN PROJECT MANAGER = DANIELLE HANKINS (**RK&K**)

### *PARTNERING SILVER WINNER*

MDTA – CURTIS CREEK BRIDGE –DECK REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION  
 MDTA PROJECT ENGINEER = JOHN FRITZGES  
 CONTRACTOR = JOSEPH B. FAY COMPANY  
 DESIGN FIRM = **URS CORPORATION**

### *PARTNERING GOLD WINNER*

SHA – MD 146 FROM TOWSON CIRCLE TO I-695  
 SHA CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ENGINEER = MATTHEW SAUNDERS  
 CONTRACTOR = GRAY & SON, INC.  
 DESIGN FIRM = **URS CORPORATION**  
 SHA DESIGN PROJECT MANAGER = JORDAN VOGT

### *BALTIMORE CITY MODAL AWARD (UNDER \$5M) WINNER*

GEORGE'S CREEK ROAD BRIDGE OVER GEORGE'S RUN  
 BALTIMORE CITY CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER = KIMBERLY GOON  
 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR = JOHN W. BRAWNER CONTRACTING CO., INC.  
 BALTIMORE CITY DESIGN MANAGER = SCOTT WEAVER  
 DESIGN FIRM = **WHITMAN, REQUARDT & ASSOCIATES**

### *CEAM MODAL AWARD (UNDER \$5M) WINNER*

BADEN NAYLOR ROAD BRIDGE OVER ROCK CREEK (PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY)  
 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PROJECT MANAGERS = DWIGHT JOSEPH and UNMESH PATEL  
 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR = RUSTLER CONSTRUCTION, INC.  
 DESIGN FIRMS = **AB CONSULTANTS, INC.** and **THE WILSON T. BALLARD CO.**

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## *21ST ANNUAL MDQI CONFERENCE DELIVERS FOR TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY (continued)*

Award winners included (continued):

### *MAA MODAL AWARD (UNDER \$5M) WINNER*

BWI TOWER GLASS REPLACEMENT  
MAA TASK MANAGER = STACY SADOWSKI (JMT)  
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR = BALTIMORE CONTRACTORS, INC.  
DESIGN FIRM = **MICHAEL BAKER JR., INC.**

### *MDTA MODAL AWARD (UNDER \$5M) WINNER*

I-895 K-TRUSS OVER CSXT RAILROAD BRIDGE DECK OVERLAY  
MDTA CONSTRUCTION & DESIGN TEAM  
CONTRACTOR = EASTERN HIGHWAY SPECIALISTS  
DESIGN FIRM = **JOHNSON, MIRMIRAN & THOMPSON (JMT)**

### *MTA MODAL AWARD (UNDER \$5M) WINNER*

MARC EDGEWOOD STATION IMPROVEMENTS PHASE I  
MTA CONSTRUCTION PROJECT MANAGER = ROBERT SASSCER (**RK&K**)  
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR = GRUNLEY CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.  
MTA DESIGN PROJECT MANAGER = GOVIND SULIBHAVI  
DESIGN FIRM = **WHITMAN, REQUARDT & ASSOCIATES, LLP (WR&A)**

### *MAA MODAL AWARD (OVER \$5M) WINNER*

BWI 10-28 RUNWAY SAFETY AREA, PVMT MGMT & STDS IMPROVEMENT  
MAA RESIDENT ENGINEER = THERESA SEAWORTH (**PARSONS TRANSPORTATION GROUP**)  
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR = P. FLANIGAN & SONS  
MAA DESIGN PROJECT MANAGER = ALAN PELJOVICH (**JMT**)  
DESIGN FIRM = **URS CORPORATION**

### *MDTA MODAL AWARD (OVER \$5M) WINNER*

MDTA – CURTIS CREEK BRIDGE – DECK REPLACEMENT & REHABILITATION  
MDTA PROJECT ENGINEER = JOHN FRITZGES  
CONTRACTOR = JOSEPH B. FAY COMPANY  
DESIGN FIRM = **URS CORPORATION**

### *MTA MODAL AWARD (OVER \$5M) WINNER*

MARC HALETHROPE STATION HIGH-LEVEL PLATFORM & PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE  
MTA PROJECT MANAGERS = MATTHEW FENTON and JOHN ARMSTRONG (**PHOENIX ENGINEERING**)  
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR = W. M. SCHLOSSER  
DESIGN FIRM = **WHITMAN, REQUARDT & ASSOCIATES, LLP (WR&A)**

### *SHA MODAL AWARD (OVER \$5M) WINNER*

REPLACEMENT OF SUPERSTRUCTURE & REHABILITATION ON US 40 OVER THE CONCRETE ARCH BRIDGE  
SHA CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ENGINEER = MITU DALWADI  
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR = CORMAN CONSTRUCTION CORP.  
SHA DESIGN PROJECT MANAGER = DANELLE BERNARD  
DESIGN FIRM = **URS CORPORATION**

### *PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD (UNDER \$5M) WINNER*

BADEN NAYLOR ROAD BRIDGE OVER ROCK CREEK (PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY)  
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PROJECT MANAGERS = DWIGHT JOSEPH and UNMESH PATEL  
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR = RUSTLER CONSTRUCTION, INC.  
DESIGN FIRMS = **AB CONSULTANTS, INC.** and **THE WILSON T. BALLARD CO.**

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## *21ST ANNUAL MDQI CONFERENCE DELIVERS FOR TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY (continued)*

Award winners included (continued):

### *PROJECT OF THE YEAR AWARD (OVER \$5M) WINNER*

REPLACEMENT OF SUPERSTRUCTURE & REHABILITATION ON US 40 OVER THE CONCRETE ARCH BRIDGE

SHA CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ENGINEER = MITU DALWADI

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTOR = CORMAN CONSTRUCTION CORP.

SHA DESIGN PROJECT MANAGER = DANELLE BERNARD

DESIGN FIRM = **URS CORPORATION**

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## *AIA BILLINGS INDEX ON THE INCREASE*

After consecutive months of declining demand for design services, the Architecture Billings Index (ABI) showed a slight uptick for January. This key economic indicator of construction activity reflects approximately nine to twelve months of lead time between architecture billings and construction spending. The score increased from 48.5 in December to 50.4 in January. Anything over 50 indicates an increase in billings.

Key January ABI highlights:

Regional Averages

-South: 53.5

-West: 51.1

-Midwest: 46.5

-Northeast: 43.6

Sector Index Breakdown

-Multi-Family Residential: 51.8

-Commercial / Industrial: 50.9

-Mixed Practice: 48.4

-Institutional: 46.5

Posted in *Commercial Real Estate* ([/channels/commercial-real-estate/](http://channels/commercial-real-estate/)) and tagged with.

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## *UPDATED NCM IS AVAILABLE*

The 2014 National Compensation Matrix (NCM), published by AASHTO, is now available, and can be downloaded at <http://audit.transportation.org/pages/default.aspx>.

This matrix will be used by state DOTs to establish reasonable compensation for consultants.

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## *SEEKING EMPLOYMENT*

The following individual is seeking an intern position and has a complete resume on file in the ACEC/MD office.

1. Virginia Tech student seeks internship for summer 2014 in the area of civil engineering, with preferred focus on environmental or transportation.

Please phone 410-539-1592 if you are interested in obtaining a copy.

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*ACEC/MD PRESENTS . . . .*

# Public Schools Business Opportunities Forum

Tuesday, March 25, 2014

The Engineers Club (Garrett-Jacobs Mansion)  
11 West Mount Vernon Place, Baltimore

Registration/Continental Breakfast: 8:00 AM      Program: 8:30 AM—Noon

Presenters include representatives from the following public school systems:

Baltimore City - Lawrence Flynn, PE, LEED AP, Director of Facilities  
Design & Construction

Baltimore County – Leslie Lazzeri, PE, Senior A/E Supervisor, Building  
Engineering

Harford County – Joe Licata, Chief of Administration

Howard County – Ken Roey, Chief of Facilities Planning

who will address:

- Upcoming projects requiring consultants
- The selection procedure for A/E services
- Where the school system advertises for services
- Trends in their respective counties

Plan on attending, and gain a working knowledge from school facilities experts on their upcoming needs.

The investment to attend is \$40.00 per person Member Rate; \$80.00 per person Non-member Rate, for payments made by check, and paid prior to the event. If you prefer to pay by credit card, or for payments made after the event, the cost will be \$45.00 per person Member Rate; \$85.00 per person Nonmember Rate. Go to <http://acecmd-schools-forum.eventbrite.com>.

Or complete the form on the flyer which can be downloaded from the ACEC/MD website ([www.acecmd.org](http://www.acecmd.org)) and return it to the ACEC/MD office, 312 North Charles Street, Suite 200, Baltimore, Maryland, 21201, email [acecmd@aol.com](mailto:acecmd@aol.com), call 410-539-1592, or fax 410-685-5470, no later than March 19, 2014. Cancellations must be made 72 hours prior to the event, otherwise the firm/individual will be responsible for the cost of any reservation.

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## ***NEW MEMBERS***

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

Regular:

### **BLAKE CONSULTING SERVICES, LLC**

7015 Copperwood Way, Columbia, MD 21046

Telephone: 443-896-4838

Rep.: James Blake, PE [jblake@blakecs.com](mailto:jblake@blakecs.com)

Website: [www.blakecs.com](http://www.blakecs.com)

*Brief History and Activities of the Firm: Blake Consulting Services, LLC, has 30 years of experience working on various types of building, road and bridge projects for public and private sector clients, as well as a full range of business development and design activities. The firm's field of operation is Civil-Transportation. Engineering activities include general civil systems and land surveying, roadways, site design, utilities and construction management.*

### **DAFT McCUNE WALKER (DMW)**

200 E. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, MD 21286

Telephone: 410-296-3333; FAX: 410-296-4705

Rep.: Kristy Bischoff, PE [kbischoff@dmw.com](mailto:kbischoff@dmw.com)

Website: [www.dmw.com](http://www.dmw.com)

*Brief History and Activities of the Firm: Daft McCune Walker (DMW), founded in 1970, originally provided professional landscape architectural, land planning and site design services. In 1982, the company added civil engineering, followed by surveying and environmental services in 1987. Comprised of a team of land planners, landscape architects, civil engineers, surveyors and environmental professionals, the firm provides land development and infrastructure consulting services. In addition to their traditional services, the firm also provides water, sewer, and wastewater infrastructure design. DMW is a certified MBE/DBE firm.*

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### **LOTUS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING, LLC**

524 Pugh Road, Wayne, PA 19087

Telephone: 610-605-3104

Rep.: Katherine Farrow [kfarrow@lotusenvironmental.com](mailto:kfarrow@lotusenvironmental.com)

Website: [www.lotusenvironmental.com](http://www.lotusenvironmental.com)

*Brief History and Activities of the Firm: Formed in 2009, Lotus Environmental Consulting, LLC is a Small, Disadvantaged, Women-Owned Business that provides environmental compliance and permitting services to private developers, government agencies, and consulting engineering firms. A partial list of services provided by the firm include NEPA Studies, Environmental Permitting, Wetland Delineation and Functional Assessment, Terrestrial & Aquatic Habitat, Threatened and Endangered Species, Historic and Archaeological Investigations, and Public and Agency Involvement.*

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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!



## *MEMBER NEWS*

**DEWBERRY** welcomes the following new hires:

- Retired **Maj. Gen. Michael J. Walsh** as director of water resources and coastal resiliency.
- **Meredith Byer, RLA**, as the director of planning in the firm's Gaithersburg, MD office.
- **Charles Ruzicka, L.S.** as a senior surveyor working out of the Baltimore and Lanham offices.

**EA ENGINEERING, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, INC.** is pleased to announce the following:

- **Peggy Derrick** has been appointed to the position of Vice President.
- **Melissa Smith** has been appointed as the firm's Small Business Liaison Officer.
- **Jaye Cuthie, PMP** has joined the firm's Hunt Valley office as an Information Technology Business Analyst/Client Manager.

**FROEHLING & ROBERTSON, INC.** announces that the firm is the recipient of a Grand Award and a finalist for ACEC/VA's Pinnacle Award for their work on the new Tidewater Community College Student Center in Virginia Beach.

**KCI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.** is pleased to announce the following:

- **Richard Hergenroeder, PE, FSAME**, has joined the firm as Chief Client Services Officer overseeing the implementation and compliance related to the firm's quality management system.
- **Bryan R. Lawson, EIT, LEED AP, CCM** and **Mary C. Wiedorfer, PE, CCM, PMP, LEED AP** have been promoted to vice president. Lawson was also elected to serve a two-year term as employee representative on KCI's Board of Directors.

**MUELLER ASSOCIATES** is pleased to announce that it's team has earned national acclaim in ENR magazine's "Best of the Best" awards for architecture, engineering, and construction for the ACEC/MD EEA award finalist John and Frances Angelos Law School project.

**NAVARRO & WRIGHT** has announced that **Paul J. Navarro, P.E.** was promoted to Chief Executive Officer. He will continue to serve as the company's President. Also, **John K. O'Connell** was promoted to Chief Operating Officer.

**JAMES POSEY ASSOCIATES** has announced the recent retirement of **Stephen J. Hudson, PE, CPD**, after a career of 48 years with the firm. He joined Posey in 1966 and was elected the firm's fourth President and Managing Principal in 2005.

**PRIME AE GROUP, INC.** has announced that **Richard Brown, PE** joined the firm. He has over 44 years of experience in the primary areas of bridge/structures and transportation projects.

**SCHNABEL ENGINEERING, INC.** has acquired Geo/Environmental Associates, Inc. located in Knoxville, TN.

**WALLACE MONTGOMERY** is pleased to announce that Senior Associate **Matthew Allen, PE** has joined the Wallace Montgomery Partnership. In addition to his new duties, he will continue to be responsible for Traffic Engineering.

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