

# CMCI CERTIFICATION NEWS

November, 2016

## Mehdi Heydari, Culture of Certification Award Winner Named



Chris Takashige (right) with Jim Mitchell

The Mehdi Heydari Award went to a CCM who demonstrates commitment to advancing the CCM within their own organization.

This year's award was presented to Chris Takashige, CCM, of the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) at CMAA's National Conference & Trade Show in San Diego, CA.

Chris is largely responsible for bringing the CCM to Hawaii and popularizing it with owners throughout the state. Chris used his own credibility as an owner to communicate the benefit of hiring CCMs. Chris also helped shape CM education by working with Honolulu Community College's Advisory Board to create its CM degree program.

Chris is among the certification program's biggest advocates and has been ever since earning his certification in 2011. CMCI thanks Chris for his commitment to advancing CM certification.

## Board of Governors' New Year

As the end of 2016 approaches, the Board of Governors prepares for another year of growth for CM certification.

## CM CAREERHQ

Looking for your next career move? The following are offerings from employers looking to hire a CCM:

**Professor of Practice in Construction Engineering**  
**OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**  
*Columbus, OH*

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**Facilities Planning Coordinator**  
**FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY**  
*Tallahassee, FL*

[Details >](#)

**Construction Manager**  
**VANIR CM, INC.**  
*Indio, CA*

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There are currently over 50 CM specific jobs posted on [CMAA's CareerHQ](#).

## Upcoming Events

**Professional CM Course**

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### Webinar - How Portfolio, Program & Project Mgmt Differ from CM

Dec. 1 | 2 - 3PM (EDT)

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### Professional CM Course

Orlando, FL | January 18 - 20

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*For a complete list of events, visit [CMAA's Website.](#)*

Heidi Obie, CCM, of CH2M passed the gavel to Jim Mitchell, CCM, of AECOM, as CMCI's new Chair. Jim has been a CCM since 2004 and has served on the Board of Governors since 2011.

CMCI would like to thank Heidi for her hard work and dedication as Chair, and Jim Ruddell, PE, CCM, FCMAA for his service on the Board of Governors as Past Chair. Heidi will still be involved with the Board and as Chair of the Nominations Committee. CMCI would also like to congratulate Jim on his [induction into the CMAA College of Fellows](#) this year. We appreciate the time and dedication Jim has put forth toward advancing the CCM during his six years on the Board.



Jim Ruddell (right) with Blake Peck

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## CMCI Welcomes New Members to the Board of Governors



DJ Mason & Bill Collins

The Governors would like to welcome DJ Mason, CCM, and Charles (Bill) Collins, CCM. DJ and Bill's terms fill two vacancies on the [Board of Governors](#) and both attended the meeting during the CMAA National Conference in San Diego.

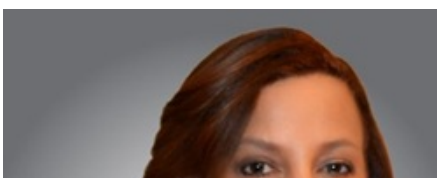
Bill Collins is the QA Construction Training and Instruction manager with the Virginia Department of Transportation. He became a CCM in 2010 and is involved with CMAA's

National Capital Chapter.

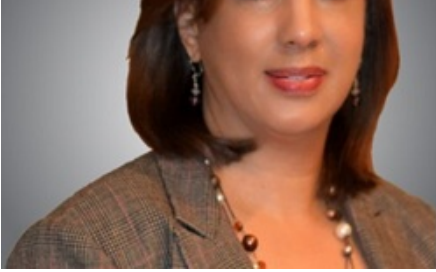
DJ Mason is the Chief Operations Officer with Keville Enterprises, Inc. DJ became a CCM in 2015 and is a part of CMAA's New England Chapter.

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## CCM Spotlight



**Yvette Downs, CCM**, was hired as the District of Columbia Housing Finance Agency's new Chief Financial Officer (CFO). Yvette has over 30 years of experience in financial oversight, strategic planning, capital budget management and development with 24 of those years in transit management.



development with 24 of those years in transit management at Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) working in construction management, oversight of capital grants, capital planning and budgets. Downs graduated from Vassar College with a degree in Economics and completed her Master's degree at Keller Graduate School. She became a CCM in 2015. [[More...](#)]



**Mike Whitfield, CCM**, with the City of Falls Church was selected as Director of Public Works. Mike has served as the city's CM since 2014. His experience includes managing several large projects such as roadbed reconstruction projects for South West Street and Roosevelt Boulevard. Whitefield's experience in Public Service includes the award-winning Brooker Creek Preserve Environmental Education Center, the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center, a fire and EMS training facility, and many more projects.

Whitfield has an Engineering degree as well as his M.B.A. Mike earned his CCM in 2014. [[More...](#)]

## Submit Your CPS 17 Proposals



CMAA is now accepting educational session proposals for 2017's Capital Projects Symposium in New Orleans, LA. Topics may include leadership, technology, best practices and more... The deadline for submitting a proposal is Friday, Dec 2. For more information, please visit [CMAA's website](#).

## More Ways to Earn Recertification Points



Through partnerships with industry peer organizations, CMCI now offers more ways to earn re-certification points than ever before! Renewal Point Providers (RPP) can easily be identified by the CCM RPP logo. If you are interested in becoming an RPP please read through the guidelines found on [CMAA's website](#).

## Write for CMAA



CMAA is looking for content ideas, blog length posts, and feature-length articles to use in the online and print versions of the CM Advisor. Content can be on any topic related to the construction industry, including; best practices, safety, construction technology, construction law and more... **You do not need to be a member to submit an idea or propose an article.** Submissions may be eligible for recertification points. To submit your idea, or propose your topic, visit [CMAA's website](#).

# Add Your CM Certification on LinkedIn



LinkedIn users, did you know you can add your CM Certification directly to your profile? Adding your certification helps owners and professional peers on LinkedIn more easily identify you as a CCM. To add your certification to your profile, [click here](#).

## Questions?

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