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## **Navy Civil Engineer is 1,300<sup>th</sup> CCM®**

A 25-year U.S. Navy Civil Engineer Corps officer has become the 1,300<sup>th</sup> professional to earn the Certified Construction Manager (CCM) credential from the Construction Manager Certification Institute (CMCI).

Captain Ben D. Piña, Director for Construction in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment, has added the CCM to his PE and LEED® AP distinctions. He sees the CCM as a highly beneficial addition to his professional resume.

“Several mentors recommended that I get certified as a Construction Manager to have a designation that is understood and accepted outside the government,” Capt. Piña says, noting that he is preparing for the transition to the private sector.

“The CCM curriculum does a very good job of identifying the business aspects of Construction Management and defining the risks associated with construction that were not previously appreciated and how they should be mitigated,” he explains. These risks include safety, cost overruns, quality, liquidated damages, ownership of the float, and other factors.

Capt. Piña adds, “I know several active duty Navy engineers who have retired from active duty and transitioned into the private sector, who now strongly recommend the CCM. The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) and CMAA have partnered and are now exposing more military engineers to the certification.”

The number of Certified Construction Managers has more than doubled since the end of 2005 and has grown by nearly 14 percent in just the first quarter of 2010.

CCM is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) under the provisions of ISO 17024, the international standard for personnel certification programs. It is widely recognized by such major owner organizations as the U.S. General Services Administration as the best identifier of highly qualified and experienced CMs.

CMCI is a subsidiary of the Construction Management Association of America. CMAA is North America's only organization dedicated exclusively to the interests of the professional Construction and Program management industry. On behalf of its 25 regional chapters and more than 6,000 public and private firms and individuals throughout the nation, CMAA promotes the Construction Management industry and provides professional resources, advocacy, professional development, certification, and business opportunities to its members. CMAA's national headquarters is located in McLean, Va. The Association's website is [www.cmaanet.org](http://www.cmaanet.org). #####