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**George O. Lea named CMAA's 2008
"Person of the Year"**

George O. Lea, Jr., CCM, of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, was named "Person of the Year" at the Construction Management Association of America's National Conference & Trade Show in San Francisco this week.

CMAA's Person of the Year Award recognizes an industry leader who has made significant contributions on behalf of the construction management industry. This industry advocate possesses unparalleled leadership skills, high quality workmanship, and has an outstanding track record in delivering successful programs.

George Lea has been one of the prime shapers of the relationship between CMAA and the Corps of Engineers, a relationship that will enhance innovation and progress in the construction management industry. Lea has served as an advocate for the use of emerging technologies and progressive approaches to professional recruitment and training.

As a member of the Board of Governors of the Construction Manager Certification Institute (CMCI) and chair of the Institute's Ethics Committee, he has sought to enhance CM professionalism throughout the federal government and to promote Construction Manager Certification as a key tool for better project and program outcomes.

"I am deeply honored to have been recognized by my colleagues and friends at CMAA. I see tremendous opportunity for growth in our business. I have become passionate about professional development and certification; I believe they are the path we need to take to sustain and improve our practice. I am thankful for the opportunity to have made a contribution to such a great cause," said Lea.

At this year's CMAA National Conference, the Association signed a milestone agreement with the Corps, under which both parties will work together to enhance professionalism, promote the CCM credential, and collaborate to improve processes and project outcomes for the Corps and the construction community at large.

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 5,200 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, Virginia and the Association's website is www.cmaanet.org.

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