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March 14 is Global Celebration of Construction Management

Monday, March 14 is the first “International Construction Management Day,” an observance launched by a multi-national coalition of CM organizations to promote and celebrate professional CM and its contributions to prosperity.

The United States-based Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) is one of these organizations, joined by the International Project Management Association, the Chartered Institute of Building (United Kingdom), the Construction Management Association of Japan and the Construction Management Association of Korea.

The international celebration reflects the growing importance of CM in meeting broad economic and societal needs.

“The construction industry has grown along with mankind, from the earliest basic structures to today’s most complex designs. Today, the industry is challenged to respond positively to a rapidly changing industrial environment,” the International CM Day Proclamation notes.

“Construction processes have also been transformed, from merely erecting structures to complete management of built environments,” the proclamation goes on. “CM is being recognized worldwide as the ideal tool to assure the best possible outcome by managing construction systematically and efficiently throughout its life cycle. We, as the professionals of the world construction community, should exert our efforts to promote the effectiveness of CM more widely and facilitate the broadest adoption of CM for the perfect construction of our global village.”

In the United States, CMAA has grown to more than 6,700 members, including many of the most active and influential organizations among both owners and service providers. CMAA published the recognized *CM Standards of Practice* and maintains active collaborative relationships with numerous other industry organizations worldwide.

CMAA is North America's only organization dedicated exclusively to the interests of the professional Construction and Program management industry. On behalf of its 29 regional chapters and more than 6,700 public and private organizations and individuals throughout the nation, CMAA promotes professionalism in the Construction Management industry and provides resources, advocacy, professional development, certification, and business opportunities to its members. A CMAA affiliate, the Construction Manager Certification Institute, has credentialed more than 1,500 Certified Construction Managers (CCMs®.)

CMAA's national headquarters is located in McLean, Va. The Association's Web site is www.cmaanet.org.

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