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CMAA Reports 13 Percent Membership Growth Rate in 2009
*U.S. Department of State, Virginia Department of Transportation Among
Newest CMAA Members*

As the U.S. economy starts to rebound, the Construction Management Association of America is reporting that its growth rate held steady last year at 13 percent. CMAA is on solid ground, especially considering the proclamation made in an article on the American Society of Association Executives Web site: “With this recessionary environment, if you are breaking even or are above a negative net five percent growth rate for the next year or two, you’re probably doing the best you can.”

“Now more than ever Construction and Program Managers are seeking to leverage the knowledge and professionalism of their teams,” CMAA President and CEO Bruce D’Agostino, CAE, FCMAA said. “These teams benefit greatly from CMAA’s career development offerings—in particular the Certified Construction Manager credential.”

March set the record for the most members joined in one month, with a total of 350 added to the roster. Significant gains were made in additional corporate, individual owner, CM practitioner and owner organization member categories, including the U.S. Department of State Overseas Building Operations, Virginia Department of Transportation, Flatiron Construction Corp., and Kitchell Contractors Inc.

Daniel Hogan, PhD, PE, of the U.S. Department of State, OBO in Arlington, VA, based OBO’s decision to join CMAA on the opportunities to increase the professionalism and enhance the expertise of its Construction Management staff.

Byron Coburn, PE, state construction engineer at the Virginia Department of Transportation, in Richmond, VA, values CMAA’s offerings that promote professional, management, and performance excellence in the delivery of construction engineering and inspection services.

“We hope to gain knowledge and information that support our delivery of safe, on-time, on-budget, quality projects,” Coburn said.

Staying informed on industry news and new projects, as well as making new industry connections, was Flatiron’s main reason for becoming a CMAA member, according to Darren Blume, the company’s area manager in San Marcos, CA.

Interest in the Certified Construction Manager designation continues to be a top priority among owners and CM firms and is driving traffic to CMAA’s Web site—with three out of five visitors looking at certification information. VDOT currently has 12 construction professionals pursuing certification.

U.S. Department of State OBO's Hogan said, "Our goal is to have all of our professional staff within the Office of Construction Management obtain CMAA certification."

Russell Fox, president of Kitchell in Sacramento, CA, is very committed to his staff earning the CCM.

"It is a major initiative in our organization," Fox said. "The customers we work with understand the importance of the certification."

[Complete information about the benefits of CMAA membership is available here.](#)

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.

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