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Major Owners Expand Support of Certified Construction Manager (CCM) Credential

The Construction Management Association of America's National Conference & Trade Show in Washington, DC brought two major new endorsements of the Certified Construction Manager program.

Kevin Donnelly, PE, deputy commissioner of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection, announced at the Conference that the Department intends to require that all construction managers working on its \$14 billion-plus capital construction program be CCMs.

"The core competencies that we are looking for in our construction managers are consistent with those of the program for the Certified Construction Manager" Donnelly said. "We are raising the bar. Going forward, we have established key personnel qualifications. We do and will expect our construction managers in the future to be Certified Construction Managers.

"Our resident engineers will continue to be PEs registered with the State of New York, but with the high desirability that they also will have the credential of the CCM."

Donnelly also commented that "in order for us to be successful, we recognize that we need to change our organization, both internally and externally." Among other critical cultural changes, he went on, the agency will expect more leadership from CMs in such areas as safety, quality management, risk management, and timely resolution of issues.

In addition to the agency's in-house staff, Donnelly said, "we recognize the significant role of Agency Construction Managers in our success. We are actively recruiting high performing organizations."

Earlier in the day, Stephen Mulva, PhD, associate director of the Construction Industry Institute, relayed to CMAA attendees a new statement by CII's Board of Advisors.

"The CII BOA is supportive of endorsing the CMAA Certified Construction Manager program," the message said. "CII members are globally deployed. Once they endorse the Certification Program, they will help CMAA go global."

CMAA President Bruce D'Agostino welcomed the CII endorsement as a major step by some of the world's most active builders to recognize the value of the CCM. "CII's membership includes many of the largest and most influential multinational corporations in such areas as energy, chemicals, and pharmaceuticals," D'Agostino said. "As CMAA's relationship with CII grows and expands, we are confident that more and more of these sophisticated and demanding owners will see the tangible benefits of working with Certified Construction Managers."

CMAA is North America's only organization dedicated exclusively to the interests of the professional Construction and Program management industry. On behalf of its 28 regional chapters and more than 8,400 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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