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CMAA Partners with US Army Corps of Engineers

At this year's National Conference & Trade Show in San Francisco, the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) and the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) have signed a "Partnership Agreement" that will enhance CM professionalism throughout the federal government, as well as benefit the construction industry at large.

CMAA and USACE declared the shared goals of enhancing the image of Construction Management (CM) professionals as problem solvers and leaders, promoting qualification based procurement of CM services, and most notably, promoting of the Construction Manager Certification Institute's (CMCI) Certified Construction Manager (CCM®) designation as a key tool for better project and program outcomes. Both parties seek to expand the private industry CM professional's knowledge of USACE processes to improve the quality of project outcomes for the Corps, and for the construction community nationwide.

The partnership will facilitate improved construction management practices through research, development, technology transfer, communication, and teamwork. These advancements will also help promote the CM profession to students as a rewarding career field, essential to both the US economy and national security.

In response to the needs of USACE, CMAA has created a new membership category for Large Owner Organizations that caters specifically to the needs of organizations with large populations. Full CMAA membership is extended to 120 key Corps executives, while basic membership rights are granted to all USACE employees, a total of over 30,000 individuals, including member discounts on events, bookstore purchases, and access to CMAA's membership and professional resources directory.

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, Va. The Association's website is www.cmaanet.org.

The United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) serves the Armed Forces and the Nation by providing vital engineering services and capabilities, as a public service, across the full spectrum of operations - from peace to war - in support of national interests. Its National Headquarters is located in Washington, D.C. and its website is <http://www.usace.army.mil/>.

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