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Stimulating Speakers set for Spring Forum

What impact is the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) having on infrastructure spending roughly 90 days after its enactment?

The Construction Management Association of America is assembling an all-star roster of expert speakers to explore this question at its Leadership Forum in Scottsdale, AZ on May 17-19.

CMAA will devote an entire track of sessions to the stimulus program, along with tracks on Project Execution Innovation and Business Strategy.

Among the speakers committed to participate are:

- **Ken Kirk**, executive director National Association of Clean Water Agencies, and **Michael Gritzuk**, PE, director of Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department on stimulus-driven opportunities in water/wastewater.
- **Colonel Janice L. Dombi**, commander of the South Pacific Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on USACE Funding Under ARRA.
- **Hydra Mendoza**, member of the San Francisco School Board and education advisor to San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, and **Frederick “Fritz” S. Edelstein**, principal of Public Private Action on stimulus-driven opportunities in schools.
- **Allyson Gipson** of Chevron Corporation, on “Key Issues for the CM in Management of Alternative Energy Projects.”
- **Kerry O’Hare**, senior policy advisor to Building America’s Future, on transportation infrastructure spending.
- **Peter Maloney**, chief editor of Platts Global Power Report, offering a global perspective on energy investment and construction spending.
- **William A. Lichtig**, Esq. of McDonough Holland & Allen, leading a panel on “How to Get the Project Done, Not How NOT to.”
- **Mark Berry**, Esq. of Peckar & Abramson, P.C., leading a panel devoted to law.
- **Bob Hixon**, PE, CCM, FCMAA and **Hans Van Winkle**, PE of Hill International on “Who is the Project’s Leader?”

The forum's two keynote speakers will frame the program:

- Prof. **William Badger**, PhD, PE, NAC of the Del Webb School of Construction at Arizona State University will describe and demonstrate the difference between "managing" and "leading." His practical presentation will focus on how the construction industry needs to address its increasingly urgent leadership deficits, beginning at the university level.
- **Joel Weldon's** philosophy is summed up in his slogan, "Success Comes in Cans, Not in Cannots." A well known "idea consultant" who has worked with dozens of top corporations and organizations, Weldon argues that "whether you believe you can or you can't, you're probably right."

[Learn more and register](#) for this year's exciting Spring Forum.

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