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### **CMAA Publishes 2010 Standards of Practice**

For the first time in six years, the Construction Management Association of America has revised and expanded its Construction Management Standards of Practice. The new SOP, a guide to the range of services that constitute professional Construction Management, responds concretely to major recent marketplace and technology changes.

The new edition results from a two year effort that involved more than 60 professional Construction and Program Managers collaborating in ten topical working groups.

The entire effort was chaired by Gary Cardamone, PE, Director of Construction Management for the Port of Long Beach, CA. CMAA's SOP is "intended to establish industry standards of service and to serve as a guide to the range of services that constitute professional Construction Management," says the book's preface. The new document differs from the 2003 edition in several key ways:

- Three entirely new sections have been added, describing best practices in Risk Management, Sustainability and implementation of Building Information Modeling.
- The section on Program Management has been significantly expanded to reflect the growing interest in this highly productive strategy among sophisticated owners with ongoing building programs.
- An emphasis on sustainability and risk management has been woven throughout all 11 sections of the document.

"We now have a set of standards that are much more comprehensive in addressing all the areas of expertise relevant to our industry and our practitioners," said Cardamone. "Beyond setting standards of practice for all CM practitioners, this new document provides owners with guidelines for what to expect from their service providers. It raises the bar for service providers in the construction industry. It can also be used by CM firms as well as individual practitioners as an indicator of where they need to focus their professional development resources."

Cardamone added, “As an owner practitioner myself, I would expect every CM pursuing work with my agency to be well versed in all areas of the Standards of Practice.”

To purchase the 2010 Standards of Practice publication, visit <http://cmaanet.org/bookstore>.

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