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### **Top Owners Fill Program at New CMAA Owners Forum**

Target, Sutter Healthcare, MassPort, the Virginia Department of Transportation, New York City Transit and American Airlines are among the leading capital construction program owners who will share their future plans and priorities at an innovative new conference presented in May by the Construction Management Association of America.

CMAA's [2010 Owners Forum](#), which takes place on May 2-4 in Atlanta, GA, will put these and other influential owners directly in touch with the community of Construction Management service providers who support them, for a wide-ranging discussion of best practices, current issues and future needs.

Among the highlights of the Forum:

- The Construction Industry Institute of the University of Texas will offer a special program on construction best practices.
- All panelists and presenters will be owners.
- The program consists entirely of general sessions, with no breakouts, so all attendees will experience the same program content. The general sessions will focus on Buildings, Process Industries, Transportation/Transit and Federal Owners.
- The agenda focuses on high level strategic business considerations rather than “nuts and bolts.”
- A special \$50 registration fee will make it possible for owners to participate even on today's tight budgets.
- The CMAA College of Fellows will present a special session on “Leadership: Filling the Gap in Capital Construction.”
- Two multi-speaker Town Hall sessions will promote lively discussion.

“Nobody has more at stake in a project than the owner,” notes CMAA Chair Gary Cardamone, PE, Director of Construction Management at the Port of Long Beach, CA. “The CMAA Owners Forum gives our owner members a chance to share best practices with each other, discuss strategies for a recovering economy, convey their needs and concerns to service providers, and learn what today's marketplace has to offer.”

“There will be plenty in it for service providers, too,” Cardamone adds. “For CM firms and individuals, the Forum will reveal what owners are planning, and what they need and expect. This is an unsurpassed opportunity to meet and interact, both in sessions and informally, with a large contingent of America’s most important owners.”

Participants in the Owners Forum can earn a variety of Professional Development credits.

The Owners Forum advance brochure, along with hotel details and online registration, are now available at [www.cmaanet.org/owners-forum 2010](http://www.cmaanet.org/owners-forum-2010).

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](http://www.cmaanet.org).

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