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**Pennsylvania Gov. Rendell Is CMAA's
"Person of the Year"**

Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell, one of America's most passionate and articulate advocates for infrastructure investment, will be honored as Person of the Year by the Construction Management Association of America at CMAA's National Conference & Trade Show in October.

The award will be presented at CMAA's annual Industry Recognition Banquet on October 27 at the Hyatt Regency Grand Cypress in Orlando, Florida.

In addition to serving as chief executive of one of the nation's most populous and dynamic states, Gov. Rendell is a founding co-chair of the coalition Building America's Future. This organization – also co-chaired by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger – seeks to build a strong national consensus in support of major new investments in highways, transit, rail, water and other critical infrastructure.

"Gov. Ed Rendell has been a tireless advocate for sound and consistent spending on vital infrastructure that will help grow our economy and enhance our quality of life in the years to come," said CMAA President and Chief Executive Officer Bruce D'Agostino, FCMAA CAE. "He has criss-crossed the country arguing not only for increased federal spending in this vital area but also for more innovative ways of involving the private sector and developing new resources to meet future needs."

"In the past 20 years, state and local governments have been forced to pay more and more of the cost for infrastructure repairs and expansion," said Governor Rendell. "In the past six years Pennsylvania has increased state funding for bridge repairs by 300 percent, yet we are barely making a dent in the number of structurally deficient bridges."

"America's infrastructure crisis is far broader than bridges and roads and it is an issue that crosses party lines. We need significant federal investments now to ensure the safety of our citizens and economic prosperity of our nation."

Previous CMAA Person of the Year honorees include George O. Lea, Jr., CCM of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, James T. Ruddell, PE of Parsons Brinckerhoff, who has managed the replacement of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge near Washington, DC, and James A. McConnell Jr., PE, who oversaw a huge school construction and renovation program for the Los Angeles Unified School District.

CMAA's National Conference & Trade Show takes place October 25-27 and will draw an estimated 800 attendees. Complete information is available at www.cmaanet.org.

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