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### **With Ranks of CCMs Growing, Webinar on Program Basics Draws Strong Response**

Just days after a recent national exam that produced more than 25 new Certified Construction Managers, an additional 50 or more potential candidates for certification took part in a special online webinar presented by the Construction Management Association of America to introduce and promote the certification program.

CMAA President Bruce D'Agostino says the late August webinar drew one of the highest rates of participation of any CMAA online offering this year. Nearly 40 different sites registered for the webinar, many of which reported multiple attendees taking part.

"In one week, we had a bumper crop of professionals completing the most stringent certification process in the construction industry, and an equally impressive number preparing to embark on the process," says D'Agostino. "That's clear evidence of the acceptance CCM has earned throughout the industry.

Mani Subramanian, CCM of Vanir Construction Management, one of two speakers at the webinar, noted that "pretty close to anybody can *claim* to be a construction manager. Consequently, construction owners are benefited tremendously by this systematic program that validates the education, experience and knowledge base of the individual practitioner."

Subramanian is also chair of the Construction Manager Certification Institute (CMCI), which administers the CCM program. CCM is the only credentialing program in the construction industry to be accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), in accordance with norms published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

He briefed webinar participants on the specific requirements of the program, which are a combination of formal education, responsible-in-charge work experience, and demonstrated knowledge of the CM Body of Knowledge.

Joining him in the presentation, R. L. "Rick" Rye, CCM of Fluor Industrial & Infrastructure offered a discussion of how candidates could meet the requirement for responsible-in-charge experience in a variety of project delivery settings. Gaining the CCM, he said, requires "documentation of specific project experience that clearly demonstrates the responsible-in-charge role as detailed in the qualifications. The Board of Governors, in its evaluation of an applicant, is going to focus very closely on how the applicant influenced the projects in which he or she was involved."

- The key questions the Board will apply to each applicant, Rye said, include:
- Did decisions candidate was empowered to make directly impact successful project completion?
  - Was candidate directly responsible-in-charge of construction management services?
  - Did candidate protect project and Owner interests?

The speakers also described the content of the six-hour written examination required of all CCM candidates.

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