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Expanded seminar program unveiled for CMAA National Conference

The Construction Management Association of America has announced an expanded program of Professional Development seminars to be offered at its 2007 National Conference in Chicago on October 7-9.

With nearly 100 proposals from which to draw only 37 seminars, this year's CMAA Professional Development program is the most competitive and selective yet.

More than 700 people are expected to attend the CMAA Conference, which will be held at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers.

The 37 Professional Development sessions are organized into five tracks: Project Management, Owners, Professionalism, Technology/Hot Topics and Legal/Risk. Among the highlights of the program are sessions devoted to:

- Practical Aspects of Implementing Building Information Modeling: Understanding the Legal Risks.
- Pricing Projects in an Uncertain Market.
- Delivering Open Road Tolling.
- Using Configuration Management to Mitigate the Impact of Design & Construction Contract Changes.
- Success at the Buzzer: A CM's Guide to Navigating Legal Risk at Project Close-out.
- An Integrated Approach to Sustainable School Construction.
- The Difference between Program and Project Management.

“Selecting only 37 topics from nearly 100 high quality proposals means that this year's CMAA Professional Development program will be particularly valuable and timely,” says CMAA President Bruce D'Agostino. “This success reflects the enthusiastic support of CMAA members, who are both attending the Conference in ever-growing numbers and submitting more excellent session proposals each year.”

In addition to the 75-minute breakout sessions, the Conference will present two keynote speakers: Christopher Lee, president and CEO of CEL & Associates and a leading consultant on strategic planning, compensation and other real estate topics, and Stephen M. R. Covey, co-founder and CEO of CoveyLink, a learning and consulting

practice focused on enabling leaders and organizations to increase and leverage trust to achieve superior performance.

CMAA will also present its Person of the Year, Project Achievement, and other awards at the annual Industry Recognition Banquet.

Complete program details and online registration are available at www.cmaanet.org.

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