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CMAA Applauds House Passage of Water Infrastructure Legislation

McLean, VA—The Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) is extremely pleased that the U.S. House of Representatives has passed H.R. 720, the Water Quality Financing Act of 2007.

The Water Quality Financing Act would authorize \$14 billion for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) over the next four years. The SRF program has been a very successful clean water financing vehicle for communities for nearly twenty years, however, current federal investment is clearly not getting the job done as this critical infrastructure continues to deteriorate. Over the next two decades, the EPA and the Government Accountability Office have both projected that the shortfall in clean water infrastructure investment will approach \$500 billion.

“The federal government has a responsibility to provide adequate resources toward ensuring that clean drinking water and an effective wastewater system are a national priority. Through passage of this legislation, the House has shown its commitment to our Nation's clean water infrastructure and the positive impact that this investment would have on public health, the environment, and job creation,” said Bruce D'Agostino, CAE, executive director of CMAA.

CMAA also strongly supported a key provision in the legislation that would ensure that construction management and program management contracts are negotiated and selected based on qualifications. “This is an important provision because CM/PM contracts should always be selected based on the firm that is most qualified to perform these professional services, not on who has the lowest price,” said D'Agostino.

CMAA is North America's only organization dedicated exclusively to the interests of the professional construction and program management industry. On behalf of its twenty-five regional chapters and more than 4,000 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, Virginia and the Association's website is www.cmaanet.org.

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