



# CMCI CMCERTIFICATION

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Photo from left to right: Robert Rizzieri (Government Agency), Katie Choe (City of Boston), William Lacher (Kashi Organization), Don Young (MBP), Doug Titzer (Jacobs), Jim Ruddell (Parsons Brinckerhoff), Christine Acampora (CBRE), Jim Morris (Carson City), Ray Brady (Consultant), Heidi Obie (CH2M Hill), Ann Marie Sweet-Abshire (Department of Veteran Affairs), Tom Haid (Parsons)

## CMCI Update:

2014 has proven to be a record breaking year for the Institute. [CMCI](#) has received more than 600 CCM applications from 300 different organizations to become CCMs. More importantly, we have over 300 new CCMs. Now nearly 2,500 CCMs, the credential is has become the most recognized and preferred certification for professional construction managers. CMCI [congratulates the newest CCMs](#) to the rapidly growing community.

The hard work of the [CMAA Chapters](#), [CMAA Board of Directors](#), and the [CMCI Board of Governors](#) has generated a rise in demand for the certification. The high level of interest also stems from [endorsement by CII](#), the streamlined [online application](#) process, and ease of the new online [recertification tracking portal](#) and overall renewal process.

### Change of Governors

Behind the scenes of all of these record breaking numbers and enhancements comes the hard work of the volunteer Board of Governors. Unfortunately, the terms of several Board members has come to an end. CMCI would like to thank Tom Haid of Parsons, Larry Smith (past Chair) of a Government Agency, and Paul Goguen of Bechtel, for their time and dedication to continually working to improve and develop the CM certification.

As we say good-bye to the outgoing Governors, we also welcome several new volunteers to the Board of Governors. CMCI would like to welcome Don Young of MBP, Katie Choe City of Boston, William Lacher of Kashi Organization, and Robert Rizzieri a Government Agency to the Board.

### **Culture of Certification Award Renamed After Mehdi Heydari**



Sadly, this year the Board of Governors lost one of its own. Mehdi Heydari sat on the Board for nearly six years and was instrumental in the implementation of the online application and revisions of the policy and procedures for CMCI. Mehdi's dedication and countless hours spent volunteering on the Board and other Committees was always valued, and his warmth and friendship will always be remembered.

For the past six years, CMCI has awarded a CCM for providing outstanding mentorship, advocacy for CM certification and CMAA. In light of Mehdi's commitment to the CCM and CMCI, the Board recognizes his devotion by renaming the award in his honor.

CMCI and the Board of Governors is proud to award Chad White, of Vanir construction Management, the Mehdi Heydari Culture of Certification award. Chad White has proven his dedication to promoting the CCM through numerous application workshops, mentorship of applicants through the application process and as serving as the Co-Chair of the [Southern California Chapter CCM Committee](#). Chad has also spent time recruiting new members to CMAA, all while continuing his work at the Los Angeles World Airport. CMCI congratulates and thanks Chad for his commitment to increase recognition of the CCM.



### **CMAA Presented its Highest Honor to a CCM**



The [2014 Person of the Year Award](#) was awarded to Richard Sage, PE, CCM, Director of the Construction Management Division at Sound Transit in Seattle, WA.

The award recognizes an industry leader for "unparalleled leadership skills, a high degree of professionalism, and an outstanding track record of making a difference," says CMAA President and Chief Executive Officer Bruce D'Agostino, CAE, FCMAA.

### **Know an Outstanding CCM Who Deserves Recognition?**

It's time to be recognized for the hard work that CCMs do every day. So tell us your why you or someone you know deserves to be recognized for their support of CM certification. CMCI may publish the story, or the individual may be nominated for the Mehdi Heydari CCM of the Year Award given by CMCI. Please submit all stories to [nsoto@cmaanet.org](mailto:nsoto@cmaanet.org) and include a photo.

### **Want to Lead Your CCM Community? Get Involved with CMCI.**

CMCI is always looking for volunteers to serve on the Exam Item Writing or Exam Review Committees. Committee participation is worth renewal points and requires you to sign a non-disclosure agreement. If you are interested in participating on a committee, please send your resume to [nsoto@cmaanet.org](mailto:nsoto@cmaanet.org).

### **CMAA Chair Challenges CCM Community**

On October 30, 2014, newly-elected Chair of CMAA, Sam Sleiman of the Massachusetts Port Authority sent out a [call to action](#) for all CCMs:

"As Chair of CMAA, and a CCM myself, I want to challenge you to help us grow the CCM even more in the coming year. I call on you to identify one individual - on your own staff, perhaps, or that of a client or partner - who should be a CCM, and help to make that happen. Mentor that person. Help them complete the application, set a schedule, prepare for, and pass, the CCM exam.



The CCM application has been streamlined and put online, and the test can be taken any time, electronically, at convenient locations nationwide. Major owners and service providers embrace the CCM today as never before. As a result, CCM applications in 2014 have been more than double the 2013 total!

We can capitalize on this momentum and help CCM really take off in 2015. It's largely up to you. You've shown your commitment to excellence by earning the CCM yourself. Now, it's time to share that commitment and build the professional resources we need to serve owners and clients more effectively.

Thank you for all you do as CCMs and for heeding this call."

CMCI is here to help all CCMs with this initiative. For support, please contact [certification@cmaanet.org](mailto:certification@cmaanet.org).

## Promoting the Value of CM Certification

In an effort to continually promote the CM industry and push for the CCM to be preferred in RFPs and RFQs, CMCI presented at the National Meeting and Expo for the [Association of School Business Officials \(ASBO\)](#) on the importance and benefits of having CCMs lead projects for school renovations and new builds.



Raju Kaval from the Los Angeles Unified School District and Jim McLean of Jacobs accompanied CMCI in making the presenting to more than 30 school districts in attendance. Both represented an unbiased perspective on the profession and the benefits of including CMs and CCMs in RFPs/RFQs.

You can download the [slide presentation](#), '*Getting the Biggest Bang for Your Building Bucks through Professional Construction Management*', or the audio from the event, through the [ASBO website](#).

## Coming Up: Construction CPM Conference

CMCI will be exhibiting at the Construction CPM Conference in January 2015 to advocate CM Certification. You can find more about the conference at [constructioncpm.com](http://constructioncpm.com).

## That's A Wrap! 2014 CMAA National Conference

With a new record of some 1100 attendees, including more than 190 owner practitioners, CMAA's October National Conference proved to be a must attend event. Outstanding educational sessions included a session just for CCMs presented by Bob Hixon from MBP, Michelle Kayon from The Architect of The Capital, and Tim Hannaway from Faith+Gould. Exceptional plenary sessions included speakers on the use of drones on construction sites, trips to Mars, and an economist providing an outlook on the future. The exhibit hall was filled with 100 different vendors while the hallway was decorated with the CCM Wall of Honor listing all active CCMs.



If you'd like to see images from the most talked about event in the industry, the photos are posted on [nationalconference.cmaanet.org](http://nationalconference.cmaanet.org).

## Next Up: Capital Project Symposium 2015

Technology, Innovation & New Techniques in Construction Management Practices will be a high level conference exploring the technology and innovation side of construction management practices. Technology products are evolving that are revolutionizing the ability of owners and construction managers to accelerate both design and construction processes in delivering projects. Speakers will address new technology products, new techniques, innovative project methodologies, lessons learned in the application of project delivery, and other topics, including case studies and current market research.

### Call for Presenters

Want to present at the [2015 Capital Projects Symposium](#)?

Presentations should be focused on how owner organizations are finding value and a competitive edge through the application of technology, innovation, and new techniques in CM practices.



## Demystifying the CCM Recertification Tracker

CMCI has partnered with [Recert Track](#) to create a portal that will not only allow you to keep an ongoing transcript of courses, events and webinars you've taken towards your CCM renewal, but will also help you keep track of all your other certifications or licenses. The recertification tracking portal also allows you to upload supporting documentation for all licenses and certifications and helps you keep track of when you need to renew. The best part is that it is free for all CCMs! Another added feature Recert Track added this year is the ability to renew your CM certification online. Once you have enough points entered in your transcript, you will be prompted to submit your payment to complete your renewal. No more filling out the paper renewal form!

Recert Track will be conducting a webinar on December 16, 2014 to show you the ins and outs of the online transcript.



## Ways to Earn Renewal Points



### Volunteer Opportunities

Are you interested in becoming more involved with CMAA? Are you looking for additional ways to earn CCM Recertification points? Do you enjoy working with up-and-coming CMs? If so, we have two opportunities for you to become more involved!

### Become A Professional CM Course Instructor:

If you are interested in teaching a portion of the course in the future, please let us know by completing this quick online form: <http://form.jotformpro.com/form/41595802971967>. This form will allow you to select the topics you are interested in teaching.

### Be a Mentor:

To sign-up: <http://cmaanet.org/certification/cmit/mentor-list/become-a-mentor>  
Your information will be included in a list supplied to CMITs. You will have the opportunity to accept or decline potential mentees. For more information on the CMIT program: <http://cmaanet.org/certification/construction-manager-in-training-cmit>



### Upcoming Webinars:

CMAA's webinar program offers CCMs a convenient and **FREE** opportunities to increase their knowledge on relevant industry topics. Upcoming webinars include:

[Reducing Overall Construction Costs through Risk Assessments and Management](#)

When: Dec 4, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

[Digital Workflows for the Construction Project Lifecycle](#)

When: Dec 18, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

These are just a few of the many upcoming webinars worth Renewal Points. Check the schedule for the webinar that most interests you!

Don't forget you can renew online through [Recert Track](#)!

**RECERTIFY NOW**

## Career Center

**Are you looking for a your next project or opportunity?** You can use [CMAA CareerHQ](#) to find your next position or post a resume for FREE!

**Are you looking for a CCM to hire?**

With [CMAA's CareerHQ](#), your job openings are visible to more than 5,000 potential applicants, and allows you to search resumes posted by registered users. Whether you need to expand your resources with new entry level personnel, or expand your horizons with a new CEO, there's no more flexible or cost-effective way to search.



**New for 2015: CCM preferred check box**

Looking for a position that values your credential has never been easier. Simply choose 'CCM' under the preferred certification field.

**The following jobs on CMAA CareerHQ prefer or require the CCM:**

[Construction Manager - Foster CM Group, Inc. - Dallas, TX](#)

[Contract Administrator - City of Huntington Beach - Huntington Beach CA](#)

[Project Manager - Massachusetts Port Authority - East Boston, MA](#)

[Vice President, Business Development \(Water\) - Harris & Associates - Multiple Locations, CA](#)

[Vice President, Business Development \(Wastewater\) - Harris & Associates - Multiple Locations, CA](#)

[Assistant Construction Manager/ Construction Manager - Harris & Associates - Ontario, CA](#)

**LinkedIn to the CCM?**



CMCI has an official [CCM LinkedIn group](#). This group was designed as a place for CMs to discuss their careers; the CCM application; mentors; recertification; questions or concerns about the credential; job opportunities within the industry; and to network with other CCMs. This is the only official CCM LinkedIn group run by CMCI. It is not only for CCMs, but for aspiring CCMs, CMITs, rising CMs, recruiters, and anyone interested in the designation. All CCMs are encouraged to join and participate in the discussions.

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