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FEATURED AGENCY:

Cumberland Community Improvement District

CMAA-SAC Project Achievement Awards Banquet



Project Achievement Awards Banquet

June 19, 2013

5:00pm - 9:00 pm

The Georgia Aquarium

[Registration Open](#)

Keynote Speaker:

Duriya Farooqui, Chief Operating Officer, City of Atlanta

National CMAA Representative:

Bruce D'Agostino, CAE, FCMAA, President & CEO, CMAA

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CMAA-SAC President's Address



Trevor Pitt
2011-2013 President,
CMAA-SAC

Fellow Colleagues and Friends,

As our Board of Director's current leadership year of 2012-2013 comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our board members. Their hard work and efforts have been a tremendous

investment in our chapter, and will ensure its continued success! I hope you will also take the time to say "thank you" to these individuals when you see them.

This issue of Building Connections is packed full of good stuff...most notably are the project applicants for this year's Project Achievement Awards. We had 21 submitted projects or an award this year, which is great! It's a sign that our membership is engaged, and also a strong sign that the economy is starting to bounce back, allowing us to get back to building!

This year, our chapter membership has grown by 16% and our student membership has grown by almost 50%. We had some great events and technical educational sessions. We also advanced a few new CCM's. Overall, I am very proud of our chapter's growth and accomplishments this year...I hope you are too.

After two years of leadership, I am stepping down and Shivana Waterman will take over as our new President. I am excited to see the success that will continue under her leadership!

I hope to see all of you on June 19th at the Georgia Aquarium to celebrate this year's accomplishments as a chapter. It's definitely going to be the best place in Atlanta to be that night!

Trevor Pitt
Project Manager,
Whiting-Turner Contracting Company
2011-2013 President, CMAA-SAC

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CMAA-SAC Project Achievement Awards Banquet



It is time to recognize and celebrate the 2012-2013 projects. The annual CMAA-SAC Project Achievement Awards program will recognize outstanding achievement in the practice of construction management on June 19th, 2013, at the Georgia Aquarium.

Project Achievement Awards Banquet
June 19, 2013
The Georgia Aquarium
Registration Open

Schedule:

5:00 - 6:00 pm:

Networking & Cocktails

6:00 - 6:15 pm:

Welcome & Introductions

6:15 - 9:00 pm:

Dinner, Scholarship Awards

Program, Keynote Speaker &

Project Achievement Awards

The awards program is designed to recognize and promote professionalism and excellence in the management of the construction process.

Online Registration Open

Corporate Sponsorship:

Platinum: \$2500 (one available)

Gold: \$2000 (two available)

Silver: \$1500 (one remaining)

Corporate Tables:

Table of 10: \$1350

Half Table (5 seats): \$700

Individual Tickets: \$150

Students: \$50



Keynote Speaker:

Duriya Farooqui, Chief Operating Officer, City of Atlanta

As Chief Operating Officer for the City of Atlanta, Farooqui directly manages and oversees all city operating departments and related agencies including Aviation, Police, Fire, Corrections, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs, Planning and Community Development, Public Works, Watershed Management, Human Resources, Procurement, Information Technology, Sustainability and Enterprise Assets.

Appointed by Mayor Kasim Reed, she is the youngest person to serve as Chief Operating Officer for Atlanta, the first Asian American and the third woman to hold the position. She has led major Reed Administration initiatives across the city to drive results in public safety, service delivery and improved operations across city agencies including Hartsfield Jackson International Airport, the busiest airport in the world. Farooqui is responsible for the management of over 7000 city employees and operations that span an annual budget of over \$2 Billion.



National CMAA Representative:

Bruce D'Agostino, CAE, FCMAA, President & CEO, CMAA

Bruce D'Agostino is President & CEO of the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) in McLean, VA. Under his leadership CMAA has grown its membership from less than 900 to more than 10,000, and the number of its certified construction managers has increased from 78 to more than 1,700. In 2008, Bruce was made a Fellow in CMAA for his exceptional leadership.

Bruce has written extensively on association management and construction-related topics for many publications and newsletters, including Association Management, Executive Update and Engineering News Record.

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2013 Project Achievement Award Nominations

For the year 2013, CMAA SAC received a diverse range of project nominations:



Cargill Grain Transfer Facility
Kajima Building and Design Group



Augusta-Richmond County Sheriff's Office
Heery International
Potts Construction



Piedmont Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant
MWH Constructors



Delta Skyclub at Maynard H. Jackson International Terminal
W.G. Yates & Sons Construction Company



Interior and Exterior Renovation of James C Bailey Center Wallace State Community College
Hoar Program Management



University of Alabama Mary Burke Dining Hall
Hoar Program Management



Adamsville Regional Health Center
The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company



Kubota Tractor Manufacturing Facility
Kajima Building and Design Group



Clayton County Forest Park Branch Library
Hogan Construction Group



Energy Solutions (CNES) Laboratory, Georgia Institute of Technology
Gilbane Building Company

2013 Project Achievement Award Nominations (cont)



Hilton Garden Inn and Homewood Suites Midtown

W.G. Yates & Sons Construction Company



Russell Hall Renovation and Addition, University of Alabama

W.G. Yates & Sons Construction Company



Wade Walker YMCA

Potts Construction



McCamish Pavillion, Georgia Institute of Technology

The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company



Eastside Medical Center Bed Tower Expansion

JE Dunn Construction Company



Bradwell Institute Lab and Central Plant Renovation

JE Dunn Construction Company



Skyhouse - Midtown

Batson-Cook Company



Manheim Headquarters Renovation

CBRE



Cancer Treatment Centers of America of the Southeast

Batson-Cook Company



Internap ACS Data Center Expansion

Kajima Building and Design Group

2013 Project Achievement Award Judges

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We were fortunate to have a very diverse panel of judges with varied experience in the region. Our judges for the CMAA Project Achievement Award applications were:

Marvin Woodward

Marvin Woodward was hired as the Deputy State Property Officer in May of 2008. He assists the State Property Officer in managing the Georgia Building Authority, State Property Commission and Georgia State Finance and Investment Commission. From 2002 to May of 2008, he was employed by the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority as Director of Engineering and Projects. Prior to being employed by GRTA, he was employed by the Federal Highway Administration for 11 years, serving in their Georgia and New Jersey Division Offices. Mr. Woodward is a graduate of Penn State University with a B.S in Civil Engineering.

Joseph Brew

Joseph has a 25 year background that began in the Architecture profession. He currently is the Construction Manager for Walton County Schools. His experience is comprised of private sector and public sector project assignments utilizing all of the delivery methods. He has managed the construction of several education facility construction projects.

Henry Gomez

Henry Gomez has more than 20 years of experience in the Construction Industry. His broad background includes working for a Program Management Firm, Real Estate Developer, General Contractor and an Engineering Consulting company. Currently Henry is a Program Manager with the Cobb County School District. His responsibilities include the oversight and delivery of both large and small scale Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) projects. His responsibilities include providing scope definition, plan preparation, scheduling, budget development, documentation, monitoring and reporting. He also provides oversight and coordination of architects, engineers, vendors, local school and administrative staff and other project related entities.

Lindsey Cottingham PE, LEED AP

Lindsey recently joined Carter's program management group working on K-12 and higher education projects. Prior to Carter, she was a program manager for the Department of Defense, where she provided project management and design and construction oversight for K-12 schools on military installations. She was responsible for capital improvement projects at Ft. Bragg, Camp Lejeune, Hanscom Air Force Base, Ft. Jackson, and Ft. Stewart. Prior to the Department of Defense, she worked as a structural engineer and is a registered Professional Engineer. She majored in civil engineering at Georgia Tech.

Jessica Fulton, PE, PMP

Jessica Fulton is a native of Atlanta, GA and a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology. A registered Professional Engineer and Project Management Professional, Jessica has spent her career in the construction management arena. She began her career with Atkins NA where she managed numerous transportation related projects. Currently she works for the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority (MARTA), where she is the project engineer for the Design Build Brady Mobility Facility Project. Jessica enjoys spending her spare time with family and friends.

Jeff Woodward

Jeff Woodward is a construction manager with a 28-year record of success overseeing all phases of multimillion-dollar transportation infrastructure construction projects, safety projects, and highway maintenance for the Georgia Department of Transportation and Jacobs Engineering Group. His experience includes managing project engineers/inspectors on all types of highway/bridge projects, coordinating construction administrative and management activities as it relates to time, cost, problem resolution, negotiations, acceptance, contract modifications, policies, specifications, contracts, inspection, and claims. Backed by strong credentials and a proven history of on-time, on-budget and high-quality project completions.

FEATURED AGENCY: Cumberland Community Improvement District



Georgia's first and oldest community improvement district, the Cumberland Community Improvement District is the first to reach twenty-five years. The Cumberland Market has evolved over the past three decades from a predominantly suburban office market into a community that is quickly offering it all – upscale hospitality, diverse leisure and entertainment, attractive housing and fast-paced business.

It had to be a revolutionary idea in 1982 when John Williams, Cobb Chamber of Commerce Chairman, Rep. Johnny Isakson and Senator Roy Barnes in the General Assembly, and Cobb Commission Chairman Earl Smith, proposed amendments to the Georgia Constitution to provide for community improvement districts, which later got adopted in 1985. Cobb County leaders, working together with local commercial property owners, then began to form the Cumberland CID in a 5.5 square-mile area around the I-75 and I-285 interchange.

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leisure and entertainment, attractive housing and face-paced business.

To wit:

- 5.4% aggregate impact on the State of Georgia's total economy (equaling \$22.8 billion)
- 76,400 jobs (with 62% of Cobb's management jobs are in the Cumberland CID)
- \$4.1 billion in real estate assets with almost \$3 billion in commercial real estate
- 32 million square feet of space, 17.5 million (71% Class A)
- \$947 million in retail sales estimated annually

Through the past twenty-five years, the Cumberland Community Improvement District in partnership with private and public partners continues to transform this

FEATURED AGENCY: Cumberland Community Improvement District (cont)

suburban office market into a diverse, multi-modal community. The body of work envisioned, sponsored, and completed by the CID has transformed the Cumberland Market as well as the region. Though Cumberland continues as a work in progress, the twenty-fifth anniversary provides the opportunity to reflect upon past accomplishments, quantify and qualify achievements, and prepare for the future.

Since 1988, \$100 million in local assessments have been raised through the Cumberland CID, leveraged against public funds to construct 60 capital improvement projects worth hundreds of millions of dollars. In addition to these infrastructure improvements, commuter services and planning studies were completed to address the area's future needs.



Key accomplishments over the past twenty-five years include:

- I-75 Kennedy Interchange and the five mile Cumberland Boulevard Loop Road, interconnecting all four quadrants of the CID, thereby integrating office, residential, retail, and service uses
 - I-285 Paces Ferry Interchange reconstruction, Windy Ridge Road construction, further enhancing connectivity
 - 16 miles of pedestrian improvements and multi-use trails, connecting to the regional trails network, with ten additional miles in progress
 - Landscaping installation and maintenance of almost 20 linear miles of area roadways
 - Decorative gateway and wayfinding signage program, to identify the Cumberland community, and enhance access, valued at \$1.5 million
- Rideshare Program, removing 750,000 vehicle trips from the roads, saving commuters \$17 million and conserving 26,000,000 vehicle miles since 1996
 - Transit planning and community master planning to assist Cobb County with the community's long term growth challenges

Building upon these planning efforts, Cobb County and the Cumberland CID partnered this year to select a qualified firm that will codify a master plan for a 420-acre segment of the Cumberland Core, which currently includes the Galleria Centre, Galleria Office Park, Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, Cumberland Mall, Akers Mill Square Shopping Center, and additional office and residential uses. A firm is expected to begin this project in July 2013.

Through the accomplishments of the Cumberland CID over the past twenty-five years, the Cumberland Market has responded in-kind.

- Population and housing options continue to grow in Cumberland. New, upscale housing is coming to the market. The Heights at Stillhouse, Walton Riverwood and other for-lease communities are meeting the demands of the next generation with more communities planned.
- More than 39,000 people live in the Cumberland area including a robust group of 18 to 34-year olds. Educational attainment continues to rise, with 64% of adults having a bachelor's degree or higher and 97% with at least a high school diploma. The median household income is \$60,450, higher than in metro Atlanta. Like most communities, the area is becoming more racially diverse.
- The Cobb Galleria Centre continues to play a pivotal role in hosting regional conventions and meetings, and has brought more than 15,000 events to Cobb County since its opening in 1994. Home to the Atlanta Opera and the Atlanta Ballet, two of the region's most prominent cultural icons, the Cobb Energy and Performing Arts Centre is the cultural centerpiece of the Cumberland CID, attracting most of its visitors from outside metro Atlanta since it opened in 2008.

FEATURED AGENCY: Cumberland Community Improvement District (cont)

These venues have helped strengthen Cumberland as not just an employment center but a destination, which is a distinguishing factor in the CID's 25-year evolution.

- Visitors, workers, and residents alike also have access to the vast Chattahoochee National Recreation Area (NRA), the most visited national recreation area in the United States. Over 1,000 acres of this vast NRA abut and connect to the Cumberland CID. A series of trails along and through the NRA connect various destinations within the CID.

Preserving the environment and protecting natural resources is an objective of the Cumberland CID.

- A rideshare program, Commuter Club was founded in 1996 by the CID. A pioneer in the Atlanta region in offering commute alternatives for eligible workers, particularly vanpool options. Since its inception in 1996, vanpool service through the Commuter Club has reduced 756,970 vehicle trips and 26 million vehicle miles, and saved commuters \$16.6 million. In sum, 8,800 tons of pollutants were kept from harming our atmosphere.
- Aiming to achieve LEED standards has been prevalent in the CID. Since 2004, 19 buildings have applied for LEED certification, and 10 of those have received either a gold, silver, or certified level of certification. Among several comparison communities – Cary, NC, King of Prussia, PA, and Tysons Corner, VA – the CID has achieved the greatest number of certifications over the time evaluated.
- Cobb County and the CID have worked together on several efficient landscaping projects and created streetscapes and landscapes that do not require as much water as traditional landscaping methods. The CID continues to integrate efficient landscaping and water-management practices throughout the area. The CID has worked to beautify its highway interchanges, and in doing so has created vegetative buffers that slow the runoff of dirt, oils, and chemicals from the highways and roads into the river. Both the

highway beautification projects and the low-impact, semi-pervious multi-use trails provide a natural cleaning system that helps slow runoff and clean stormwater before it enters the rivers and streams, thereby slowing the sedimentation process of the river.

Over the last twenty-five years, the real estate market has responded to the investment into the community by the Cumberland CID.

From 1998 to 2012, seven of 11 Developments of Regional Impact (DRIs) in the Cumberland CID were constructed. DRIs have created more than 4.2 million square feet of office space and over \$1 billion of investment into the local economy.

Building permits and investment in real estate are on the rise, with the Cumberland CID only one of two areas in Cobb with growth in property values during FY 2012 (Town Center CID the other).

According to the Cobb County Tax Assessor, office buildings comprise the vast majority of the total commercial building space in Cumberland (almost 74% or 17.5 million square feet of the 23.8 million square feet total).

Companies that designate their office as a “headquarters” account for 4.8 million square feet of building space in the CID (20% of total building space).

Corporate headquarters include:

- The Home Depot
- The Weather Channel
- Genuine Parts Company (NAPA)
- BlueLinx
- RaceTrac
- Travelport
- GE Energy

CMAA – SAC 2012 Student Scholarship Recipient



**Saba Diba
Project Engineer**

Saba Diba, Project Engineer, Kajima Building and Design Group

Saba Diba, building construction major from Georgia Tech was our 2012 scholarship recipient.

In an attempt to keep our student members engaged and inspire other student members, we reached out to

Saba who has now graduated, to ask a few questions about herself and her career.

Tell our audience a little bit about yourself and what brought you to Georgia Tech?

My name is Saba Diba, originally from Iran. My family and I moved to the U.S about 10 years ago and we have lived in Atlanta ever since. I received my diploma from Riverwood High School in 2008. I chose Georgia Tech for it is a great school especially for engineering majors. Even though it is known to be one of the most difficult schools nationwide, I was certain that my hard work and efforts would pay off at the end for I believed Georgia Tech would open many doors and bring many wonderful opportunities further in my career.

How did you become interested in Construction Management? And what influenced your choice?

In high school, I was always passionate about creating and assembling objects. When the time came for me to look into the colleges of my choice (Georgia Tech) and the specific majors and fields of studies they offered, Building Construction (as what it is known) caught my eye and I decided to pursue my professional education in this field.

How/Why did you decide to go work for Kajima Building and Design Group?

At Georgia Tech's department of Building Construction, we have recruiting staff that help students find internships, co-ops, and even full-time positions. Like any other course required for graduation, a professional internship course must also be completed in order to receive a degree in Building Construction. Through our recruiting staff, I was

able to interview with Kajima and was offered an internship with the company for the 2012 summer term. Once the term was over, I was very fortunate to stay on board for two more semesters (until spring 2013) and was eventually offered a full-time position after graduation in May 2013 as a Project Engineer.

During my internship, unlike some of the other construction companies, I was exposed to different phases such as pre-construction services, construction services, and post-construction services at the same time. This was a great learning process for I gained knowledge about all areas rather than one area at a time. For this, I decided to work for Kajima.

I had an excellent experience as an intern and great interactions with my co-workers. I loved the working atmosphere and certainly, the culture of the company. Also, it was a very smooth transition for me to go from an intern position to my professional career.

What project are you working on?

Currently, I am involved in a few warehouse-office combined projects such as the Mitsubishi Electric and Riverside A, and also Bridgestone which is in the preconstruction phase.

What have you learned about yourself as you've been in the industry for almost a year?

I have learned that I am a great team player and have a great sense of time-management. I have also learned that I am a quick learner.

What are your future career plans? How do you plan to use your studies to achieve your future career plans? What do you envision yourself doing in 10 years?

Currently, I am planning to go back to school to pursue my MBA in the field of Real Estate and Finance, just to receive more knowledge about that aspect of the industry. I believe this would not only help me understand the business side of my undergraduate education but also contribute more to my company with the attained skills and knowledge.

My goal is to become a Project Manager sooner than 10 years (in 3 years), and be able to manage a project by myself from start to finish.

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Scholarship Recipient (cont)

How do you see the role of women, shaping in the construction industry?

In past, the role of women had always been traditionally small. It was difficult to digest the fact that women could be as influential in difficult and so-called "masculine" tasks. Women have often been said to be emotional and not as tough in making life-changing decisions. However, this has definitely changed throughout the history of the working environment. In the construction industry in particular, women are becoming more and more successful for I believe we have learned to handle situations where men are not able to. I believe this is due to us being more detail-oriented. Attention to details makes a great difference in making decisions.

Has the CMAA student scholarship helped your career goals?

Being involved with several different chapters, either as a student or an industry professional, has opened a lot of doors and networking opportunities.

I was a member of our Student Construction Association for a year before I became the President of the group in my senior year. I participated in student competitions such as AGC, NAHB, and CMAA and gained a sense of the real world situations through these competitions.

Being a recipient of the CMAA Student Scholarship especially, has definitely had a great impact on the decisions that lead to my full-time position offer.

What advice do you have for young aspiring construction management majors?

I advise the students pursuing their education in the field of construction management to not close themselves to possible opportunities. They should at least be a member of their school's construction program's student organizations for it would be a great experience for them.

Getting involved with activities such as student competitions will definitely prepare them for the real-world situations.

Legislative Update

Prepared by: Peter Lyon, FSMPS, CPSM, ASSOC AIA, CMAA-SAC Government Affairs Director

The Georgia Legislative Session is over and many Senate and House Bills went before Governor Nathan Deal to sign in April and May. In a nut shell here are the Bills which have been signed into law which directly and indirectly impacts construction.

House Bill 142, signed May 6th:

This is the ethics Bill which basically outlines what is appropriate and is not appropriate when lobbyists entertain public officials.

House Bill 188, signed April 8th:

Provides that certain military certifications shall entitle persons to obtain certain professional licenses in Georgia; to provide that the spouse of a member of the military living in this state because of the military spouse's assignment shall be entitled to obtain certain professional licenses based upon his or her licensing in another state; to provide for powers and duties of the director of the professional licensing boards division of the Secretary of State; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

House Bill 434, signed May 7th:

The following persons shall each have a special lien on the real estate, factories, railroads, or other property for which they furnish labor, services, or materials. This Bill protects all registered architects, engineers, surveyors, contractors and sub-contracts to their right to file a lien on real estate on which they provided services and have not been compensated for their services.

Senate Bill 168, signed April 24th:

Relates to contracting and bidding requirements, respectively, so as to provide that no bidder shall be disqualified from a bid or proposal or denied prequalification based upon a lack of previous experience with a job of the size for which the bid or proposal is being sought if the bid or proposal is not more than 30 percent greater in scope or cost from the bidder's previous experience in jobs, the bidder has experience in performing the work for which bids or proposals are sought, and the bidder is capable of being bonded for a bid bond, a performance bond, and a payment bond as required for

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Legislative Update (cont)

the scope of the work for which the bid or proposal is being sought; to provide for an effective date; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

Senate Bill 179, signed May 6th:

Relates to public works bidding, so as to provide that, if a sealed competitive proposal is requested and price or project cost is not a selection or evaluation factor, no bid bond shall be required; to provide for an exception; to correct statutory references; to authorize incentives in contracts for early project completion by contractors; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

If you have an issue that you would like to be addressed during the next legislative session, my advice is you need to start contacting your legislative representatives this summer before the session starts in January 2014.

Have a great summer.



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