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## President's Message *by Joe Makar, P.E.*



**Election Season:** The November 2, 2010 general election is quickly arriving and ACEC/MD has been actively involved in meeting with legislators to express our concerns about the future of infrastructure funding. We recently hosted a fund raiser for Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger at the Engineer's Club and supported several other elected officials in their election campaigns. Your contribution to the ACEC ACEC/PAC and ACEC/MD CEPAC has helped us support these candidates. In addition, it is important to show strong support in the upcoming Maryland legislative session, including attending ACEC/MD's Legislative Breakfast on December 1, 2010 at the Engineer's Club featuring Barry Rascovar and the Legislative Luncheon on January 20, 2011 at the Governor Calvert House in Annapolis.

**Local Transportation Funding Initiatives:** The Governor has formed the "Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation Funding" to look at the transportation funding issues and provide recommendations on how to fund "much needed" infrastructure improvements. The Commission's first two meetings included presentations from the Maryland Department of Transportation Modal Administrators and discussions on the economic impacts of transportation by various experts. The Commission has four more meetings in November and December, and will prepare an interim report of their findings which is expected to be complete by January, 2011.

ACEC/MD's Transportation Subcommittee has been closely tracking the progress of the Commission and will provide input if requested. We are updating the presentation "Transportation and You" and will forward it to the Blue Ribbon Commission. Also, due to the economic conditions, QBS will be given a greater emphasis, and the inappropriateness of taxing professional services will be addressed.

**General Membership Meeting:** On October 14, 2010, ACEC/MD held our fall general membership meeting at the Engineer's Club. Our guest speaker, Al Foxx, Director, City of Baltimore Department of Public Works, discussed his vision for the future of the Department of Public Works. His discussion included how he plans to continue and improve the partnership between the City and the consultant industry.

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT / UPCOMING EVENTS

November 5

California Dreaming – Crush! At the Mansion 2010 Wine Tasting

Baltimore, MD. 6PM VIP Tasting - \$100 (sponsors only); 7PM General Tasting - \$75. Presented by the Garrett Jacobs Endowment Fund. For information or to purchase tickets, contact Stephanie VanDyke at 410.579.8100 or svandyke@leachwallace.com.

November 9

Marketing More ... For Less – Best Practices Around the Country

November 18

Federal/Military Procurement Panel

Baltimore, MD. Presented by SMPS Chesapeake Chapter. For more information go to smpschesapeake@live.com.

November 17

MDOT Modal Presentation

ACEC/MW will host this semi-annual program co-sponsored by ACEC/MD and ACEC/MW. For more information on registration, contact hmcannon@acecmw.org.

November 18-19

Roof Technology & Science II

Cleveland, OH. Presented by RCI. For more information call 1.877.236.1945.

November 20

Maryland Association of Engineers 26th Annual Bull/Oyster Roast, Dance and Casino Night

For more information or to purchase tickets contact Dick Evans at 410.662.7400 or rmevans@mtamail.biz.

December 1

ACEC/MD Legislative Breakfast

Baltimore, MD. Featuring Barry Rascovar 8AM – 10AM at the Engineers Club. For more information contact the ACEC/MD office at 410.539.1592.

December 2

ACEC/MD Holiday Party

Baltimore, MD. 6PM-9PM at the Baltimore Museum of Industry. For more information, contact the ACEC/MD office at 410.539.1592.

During the meeting Rachel Ellis, the Awards & Recommendations Committee Chair, announced the shortlisted projects for the 2011 Engineering Excellence Awards Competition. Harvey Floyd, Chair, ACEC ACEC/PAC Committee also drew the winners of the ACEC/PAC fund raising drawing.

Leadership Program: This is a reminder that the nomination forms for this year's Leadership Program will be sent out soon and the seminars will begin in January, 2011. The Leadership Program has been successful in providing an opportunity for firms to hand select "up and coming" leaders to participate in a series of management training seminars tailored to educate the participants on all aspects of managing a Consultant Engineering business in Maryland. Please consider who you feel would benefit from this valuable program.

Subcommittees: Our subcommittees are very active in supporting ACEC/MD in many of the important agenda items to our members' business interests. The Small Business Committee has been working with the State Highway Administration to help work through many of the business issues they face working with State agencies. The Legislative Committee is gearing up for this year's legislative session. The Baltimore City Liaison Committee had an excellent meeting with the City of Baltimore, in which the City brought a room full of their representatives that work with our industry to discuss critical issues for both the City and our members. The Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) committee will be looking for some new leadership this year because our chair will be leaving Maryland. We are actively looking for a replacement to Chair this very important committee.

Holiday Party: Please remember to sign up and attend ACEC/MD's Holiday Party on December 2, 2010 starting at 6 pm at the Baltimore Museum of Industry.

ACEC/MD Continues Efforts to Secure Transportation Funding

While the tenor of the election season has focused on reduced government spending, ACEC/MD continues its efforts to keep transportation funding at the forefront.

Discussions with elected leaders and political insiders including Speaker Busch have revealed that there is understanding that something needs to be done. This provides renewed optimism that there could be a window of opportunity in the 2011 General Assembly session.

ACEC/MD's Transportation Funding Task Force, chaired by RK&K's Steve Zentz, initially developed a presentation for member firms to utilize in educating their employees. Accessible on ACEC/MD's website, at www.acecmd.org, this presentation is narrated by long-time radio personality Alan Walden. This resource provides an easy to understand description of the funding process for state transportation projects, while demystifying the political process to ensure involvement by our member firm employees. If you have not already utilized this resource, we encourage you to do so today.

The goal is to have the 6,000-strong ACEC/MD member firm employees become spokespeople, at community and business gatherings, and during their daily

interactions, for the critical need to enhance transportation funding.

December 16
ACEC/MD General
Membership Meeting
Baltimore, MD. 11:30AM – 1:30PM at
the Engineers Club. For more
information contact the ACEC/MD
office at 410.539.1592.

The Legislative Committee, chaired by McCormick Taylor's Dana Knight, will modify this presentation as an educational tool for both the Blue Ribbon Task Force on Transportation Funding and influential members of the General Assembly. This resource will be enhanced by a one-page document being developed focusing exclusively on the link between transportation funding and economic development.

ACEC/MD is also in the process of ensuring that a broad coalition of leaders in the state unite to provide a strong message in the 2011 General Assembly that now is the time to act. This effort will involve trying to bridge the traditional disconnect between important business organizations representing interests in the Baltimore and Washington areas. The goal is to harness the horsepower of these organizations in a coalition that can realize success during this session.

With congestion growing to intolerable levels in both the Baltimore and Washington Metropolitan areas and the influx of new residents from the BRAC initiative, our legislative leaders are sending signals that after nearly 20 years of inaction on increasing the gas tax this may be the time for action. Please take every opportunity to help ACEC/MD in these efforts by encouraging your firm's employees to get involved.

Calling All Future Stars

After a one-year hiatus, ACEC/MD will once again offer its highly acclaimed Leadership Program to member firms. As in past years, through a rigorous six-part program to improve business management techniques, class attendees will be encouraged to participate in an interactive discussion of pertinent topics.

ACEC/MD is pleased to offer another program targeted for the "rising stars" in your firm. Through a dynamic, interactive program, ACEC/MD will deliver the training your firm's up and coming leaders need for both a reasonable investment and in convenient locations.

Our program's experienced facilitator, Jim Marcotte (Government Resources IPT), will ensure interactive discussion between presenters and participants. To maximize the learning experience, class size will be strictly limited to 25 students with approximately ten years of experience in the consulting engineering industry. As in the past, cover letters and resumes will be used to screen applicants. The deadline to submit applications is **December 13, 2010**.

Once again, patterned after ACEC's highly acclaimed Senior Executive Institute (SEI) program and "The Business of Consulting Engineering" Program, your firm can avail itself of training that is:

- Tailored to Maryland firms with presentations by local instructors and clients.
- Scheduled to minimize work responsibility conflicts with late afternoon sessions and wrap-up at the ACEC/MD conference.
- Reasonably priced to allow your firm to send "up and coming" future leaders without breaking the training budget.
- Thorough, in providing a curriculum that addresses the myriad of firm management issues that senior principals address on a daily basis.

In conjunction with ACEC and the National Manufacturers Association, our program will also offer an interactive session that demonstrates the myriad of issues that a Congressional representative encounters.

The program will commence on January 27, 2011 and conclude at the ACEC/MD Annual Conference at the Greenbrier. Topics in the program and tentative schedule are as follows:

I. Characteristics of Leaders – Thursday, January 27, 2011

II. The Future of Engineering and Organizing & Structuring A Successful Firm - Thursday, February 17, 2011

III. Think Like a Congressional Representative and the Importance of Political Activism - Thursday, March 17, 2011

IV. Risk Management Liability & Insurance - Thursday, April 21, 2011

V. Finance & Profitability - Thursday, May 19, 2011

VI. Lessons in Leadership & ACEC/MD Conference - Friday, June 17, 2011

All graduates will be honored at ACEC/MD's Conference Banquet June 17, 2011. Also, as in past years, as part of enhancing leadership skills, participants will be encouraged to participate in ACEC/MD's student outreach efforts, and to get involved in ACEC/MD's committees.

Class size will be limited to 25 students that will be screened through the submission of resumes and cover letters. Now is time to consider who are the future leaders in your firm. Watch for registration information in the near future.

ESB Offers New Membership Category for Associate Society Member Employees

The Engineers Club Board has approved an attractive new Membership Category for individuals employed by Associate Society Members. By creating this Associate Society Membership category, the Club hopes to encourage the 10,000 employees of the 27 Associate Societies of the Club to join and take advantage of the many member activities and privileges of membership in Maryland's preeminent professional club.

Under the new Associate Society Membership status the Club extends the opportunity for individuals that join the Engineers Club full rights and privileges enjoyed by current members. Associate Society Members:

- Are billed dues at a rate of \$80 monthly. (Fiscal year 2011)
- Are not required to meet quarterly minimums.
- Must maintain their membership in their associate society in good standing throughout the term of their Associate Society Membership.
- May have their initiation fee reduced/waived under the following terms:
 - Join for an initial term of 2 years-50% current initiation fee.
 - Join for an initial term of 3 years-Initiation fee waived.

ESB's Membership Committee has set a goal of increasing membership by 100 members, which would return Club membership to pre-recession levels. As an ACEC/MD member firm employee, be sure to take advantage of this valuable opportunity.

ACEC/MD Hosts Fundraiser For Congressman Ruppensberger

Through member firm employees and ACEC/PAC contributions, ACEC/MD was able to raise approximately \$11,000 for long-time ACEC/MD supporter Congressman Dutch Ruppensberger.

At the September 28th event, the Congressman and Legislative Director Ann Jacobs graciously took an hour and half out of their busy schedules to first meet with the Host Committee in a small group setting and then with other contributors to discuss issues of importance to our member firms.

At the event the Congressman was advised of the difficulties facing the industry due to the downturn in infrastructure funding and the uncertainty brought on by the inability to pass transportation, water and aviation legislation. The Congressman was very surprised to hear that the stimulus funds failed to have a positive impact on engineering firms providing transportation infrastructure services. Members reiterated a message that was delivered earlier in the year that due to open-end agreements, engineers could be put back to work in a short time frame providing plans for sustainable projects that would stimulate the entire construction industry.

Another request of the Congressman that was made during the meeting was the desire for him to again co-sponsor legislation that would repeal the 3% withholding tax. Without action, in 2012, the federal government and state governments along with all jurisdictions that have annual expenditures that exceed \$100-million in projects will be required to withhold 3% of fees from firms providing services. While the intent of the law is to crack down on tax violators, a recent DOD study estimates that it would cost DOD alone \$17-billion in the first five years to comply with this mandate.

In order to continue this valuable dialogue, Congressman Ruppensberger requested that his Legislative Director sit down with ACEC/MD representatives in the coming weeks to develop an action plan. We will keep you informed of the proceedings.

Members of the Host Committee included:

- Joe Makar (Whitman, Requardt & Associates)
- Jim Blake (Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.)
- Dan Cheng (Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson)
- Kunal Gangopadhyay (EBA Engineering)
- Jerry Jannetti (Parsons Brinckerhoff)
- Leon Kriebel (Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani)
- Terry Neimeyer (KCI Technologies)
- Frank Waesche (Wallace, Montgomery & Associates)
- George Wirth (Schnabel Engineering)
- Steve Zentz (Rummel, Klepper & Kahl)

Transportation Task Force Gets Underway

At the kickoff meeting for the Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation Funding, MDOT Secretary Beverley Swaim-Staley and

representatives of each modal agency, and MDTA and WMATA provided a thorough briefing of the Transportation Trust Fund and its connection with their respective agencies. The mission of the Commission is to review, evaluate, and make recommendations concerning State transportation funding sources and the Maryland Transportation Trust Fund (TTF).

Echoing concerns expressed by ACEC/MD, AAA's representative on the Commission, Lon Anderson, brought up the issue of transfers from the Transportation Trust Fund to the General Fund. Secretary Swaim-Staley commented that most of the transfers have been repaid, but she committed to providing details to the Commission on past repayments.

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for November 4th from 10:00am – 12:00pm in Annapolis. For details contact staff person Don Halligan at 410-865-1275 or dhalligan@mdot.state.md.us.

While the Commission lacks representation from some traditional organizations, chairman Gus Bauman is a veteran of the successful efforts to defend the ICC. Up to this point the deliberations have clearly focused on the connection between economic development and transportation. ACEC/MD is preparing to provide testimony to the Commission during subsequent meetings following the elections. Please see below for background information on the commissioners.

BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

CHAIRMAN

Gus Bauman is being appointed as a representative from the business community and is being designated as Chair. He is a member of the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, an attorney at Beveridge & Diamond, P.C. and a former Chairman of the Montgomery County Planning Board at the Maryland Capital Park and Planning Commission. He is a graduate of the Washington University School of Law and is a resident of Montgomery County.

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Elizabeth "Betty" Hewlett is being appointed as the representative of the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority. She is an Attorney at Shipley, Horne & Hewlett, P.A and former Chairman of the Prince George's County Planning Board at the Maryland National Capital Planning Commission. Ms. Hewlett is a graduate of the Boston College Law School and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. She is a resident of Prince George's County.

BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Donald C. Fry is being appointed as a representative of the business community. He is President and CEO of the Greater Baltimore Committee, Inc., and he is a former member of the Maryland State Senate. Mr. Fry is a graduate of the University of Baltimore School of Law and he is a resident of Harford County.

Mark E. Friis is being appointed as a representative of the business community. He is President and CEO of Rodgers Consulting and a member of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Friis has an M.A. in Public Administration from Hood College and is a resident of Frederick County.

TRANSIT COMMUNITY

Michele L. Whelley is being appointed as a representative of the transit community. She is President of the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance, a non-profit organization of the greater Baltimore region and she is the former

President of Downtown Partnership of Baltimore. Ms. Whelley earned her Juris Doctorate from the University of the Maryland School of Law and is she is a resident of Baltimore City.

Gary L. Messman, Jr. is being appointed as a representative of the transit community. He is a Senior Operations Specialist for the Municipal Employees Credit Union of Baltimore, Inc. and is Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Accessible Transportation. He has a B.A. in Accounting from Loyola College and is a resident of Baltimore County.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SMART GROWTH COMMUNITY

Robert James Etgen is being appointed as a representative of the environmental and smart growth community. He is the Executive Director of Shore Land Conservancy (ESLC), a non-profit organization dedicated to preserve farmland and habitat in rural Maryland. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Maryland School of Law and is a resident of Kent County.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY

Frederick Tutman is being appointed as a representative of the environmental community. He is the Founder and CEO of Patuxent Riverkeeper, a non-profit environmental advocacy organization with 23 years of experience on environmental health and preservation. Mr. Tutman has a Master of Arts degree in Media Management and is a resident of Prince George's County.

AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

Mahlon G. Anderson is being appointed as a representative of the American Automobile Association. He is the Director of Government and Public/Media relations for AAA Mid-Atlantic and served in the Montgomery County Panel of Pedestrian and Traffic Safety and the Transportation Policy Review Task Force in Maryland. Mr. Anderson earned an M.P.A. from American University and is a resident of Montgomery County.

FREIGHT RAIL INDUSTRY

Jennifer Macdonald is being appointed as a representative of the freight rail industry. She is Assistant Vice-President of Governmental Affairs for the Association of American Railroads. She earned an M.A. in International Trade, Finance and Development from Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies.

MOTOR CARRIER INDUSTRY

Don Bowman is being appointed as a representative of the motor carrier industry. He is Owner and Chairman of D.M. Bowman, Inc. which provides regional van, shorthaul bulk and flatbed service, warehousing, and distribution services. He is a member and past board member of the Hagerstown Associated Builders and Contractors and is also a member of his local Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Bowman is a resident of Washington County.

MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (MACO).

The Honorable Ken Ulman is being appointed as a representative from the Maryland Association of Counties (MACO). He is the Howard County Executive. Mr. Ulman earned a Juris Doctor from the Georgetown Law Center and is a resident of Howard County.

The Honorable Dr. Edith Patterson is being appointed as a representative from the Maryland Association of Counties (MACO). She is Vice President of the Charles County Commissioners and represents Commission District 2. Ms. Patterson also serves as Director of Educational Talent Search for the College of Southern

Maryland. She earned an M.A. in Guidance and Counseling from Bowie State University and an Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration from George Washington University. She is a resident of Charles County.

TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Stella M. Miller is being appointed as a representative of the transportation construction industry. She is Owner and President of Stella May Contracting, Inc. She is serving as the 1st Vice Chairman of the Maryland Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America and is a member of the Maryland Washington Minority Contractors Association. Ms. Miller is a resident of Harford County.

MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE (MML)

The Honorable Judith F. Davis is being appointed as a representative of the Maryland Municipal League (MML). She is the Mayor of Greenbelt, past president of the Prince George's County Municipal Association and member of the board of directors of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area and the Maryland Mayors Association. She has a M.S. in Education from West Chester State University and is a graduate fellow from the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance. Ms. Davis is a resident of Prince George's County.

The Honorable Diane A. Foster is being appointed as a representative of the Maryland Municipal League (MML). She is a Taneytown Councilmember. She is a member of MML's Communications Committee and she is a member of the Academy of Excellence in Local Governance. Ms. Foster previously served as Public Affairs Specialist for the Social Security Administration. She is a resident of Carroll County.

LABOR

Jackie Lynn Jeter is being appointed as a representative of labor. She is President and Business Agent of ATU Local 689 (WMATA) Union, a member of the Federal Transportation Administration's Transit Rail Advisory Committee for Safety and a member and founding partner of the Coalition to Keep America Moving. Ms. Jeter is a resident of Prince George's County.

Dennis Martire is being appointed as a representative of labor. He is Vice President and Regional Manager of Mid-Atlantic Regional Laborers' International Union of North America. He also serves the Director of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority as Chair of the Planning and Construction Committee and member of the Business Administration Committee. Mr. Martire obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Government at West Virginia Wesleyan College.

RURAL AREAS OF MARYLAND

Sharon Clark is being appointed as a representative of the rural areas in Maryland. She is Vice President of Transportation at Perdue Agribusiness Inc. She earned a Masters of Business from Arizona State University and is a resident of Wicomico County.

R. Lamont "Monty" Pagenhardt is being appointed as a representative of rural areas in Maryland. He is County Administrator for Garrett County and is a former Director of Human Resources and Personnel Services for Allegany County. Mr. Pagenhardt is a resident of Garrett County.

LEGISLATORS (Senate)

Senator Robert J. Garagiola

Senator Nathaniel J. McFadden

LEGISLATORS (House of Delegates)

Delegate Carolyn J.B. Howard

Delegate Tawanna P. Gaines

ACEC/MD Eclipses ACEC/PAC Goal

Thanks to the generous contributions of ACEC/MD member firm representatives, ACEC/MD has raised over \$20,000 to assist ACEC in carrying the profession's message to our elected members of Congress. Spearheaded by Maryland ACEC/PAC Champion Harry Stephen (Century Engineering), ACEC/MD achieved its goal for the sixth straight year.

Central to this effort was the tremendous response to the ACEC/MD-sponsored Raffle. While supporting ACEC in its effort to gain favorable legislation to increase long-term infrastructure funding for infrastructure and to repeal the onerous 3% withholding tax that is scheduled to kick in in 2012, raffle participants also had to the opportunity to win \$3,800 in cash prizes.

This year's winners included:

Stu Taub (Wallace, Montgomery & Associates) - \$2,000

Kish Mahadevia (Indam Engineers) - \$1,000

Preston Davis (Alpha Corporation) - \$500

Stu Robinson (A. Morton Thomas & Associates) - \$300

Thanks to everyone for helping ACEC elect pro-business candidates to Congress and assisting our representatives in carrying your message to Congress.

A special thanks to this year's raffle sponsors:

A.D. Marble Company

A. Morton Thomas & Associates

Century Engineering

Constellation Design Group

Development Facilitators, Inc.

Gannett Fleming, Inc.

Greenman Pedersen, Inc.

Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson

KCI Technologies

McCormick Taylor, Inc.

Parsons Brinckerhoff

Pennoni Associates

RJM Engineering

Rummel, Klepper & Kahl

Schnabel Engineering

Sidhu Associates

Wallace, Montgomery & Associates

Whitman, Requardt & Associates

Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani

ACEC/MD Announces Finalists in the 2011 Engineering Excellence Awards Competition

One of the highlights of the October 14th General Membership Meeting was the announcement of the finalists in this year's Engineering Excellence Awards

Competition. Out of the near record 24 projects submitted, our distinguished panel of judges selected the following twelve projects:

Community Safety and Enhancement – MD 7 from US40 to Golden Ring Road submitted by **Century Engineering** (Category H-Transportation)

Deck Replacement of Westbound Suspension & Through Truss Spans & Repairs submitted by **URS Corporation** (Category C-Structural Systems)

Emergency Repair of the I-695 Drawbridge over Curtis Creek submitted by **Hardesty & Hanover** (Category A-Studies, Research & Consulting Engineering Services)

Fairfax County Parkway Design-Build submitted by **Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson** (Category H-Transportation)

Gatehouse Anchorage System for Prettyboy Dam submitted by **Alvi Associates** (Category G-Water Resources)

I-70 / MD 85 / MD 355 Interchange submitted by **Whitman, Requardt & Associates** (Category H-Transportation)

Lafarge Buchanan FGD Conversion submitted by **Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani** (Category L-Industrial & Manufacturing Processes & Facilities)

Masonville Dredged Material Containment Facility submitted by **Moffatt & Nichol** (Category E-Environmental)

Old Towne Youth Center submitted by **Gipe Associates** (Category B-Building/Technology Systems)

Reconstruction of Eastern Avenue Bridge over Kenilworth Avenue, N.E. submitted by **Greenhorne & O'Mara** (Category C-Structural Systems)

Suspended Span Replacement Bridge No.2302100 MD 90 over Assawoman Bay submitted by **URS Corporation** (Category J-Small Projects)

University Campus Center submitted by **Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani** (Category C-Structural Systems)

The initial judging was based on an independent evaluation of an Executive Summary and Press Release for each project. The finalists will now be invited to submit a notebook that will be judged by our panel of judges in a group setting. All finalists are now eligible to compete in ACEC's national competition. Mark your calendar for ACEC/MD's Awards Banquet, being held February 17th when the award winners will be announced.

ACEC Business Insurance Trust Provides New Benefit

A new program being offered by the ACEC Business Insurance Trust (BIT) will reimburse members for their deductible, up to \$500 per claim not to exceed \$1,000 per year. Under this program, exclusively for ACEC BIT members, claims made on commercial property and auto insurance would be eligible for this benefit.

For more information, please contact ACEC at 202.347.7474 or go to www.acec.org.

***ACEC/MD Past President and RK&K Principal
Burt Cox Passes Away***

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of

Burton N. Cox, Jr., P.E.

at the age of 84. The long-time Stoneleigh resident served as the President of the Consulting Engineers Council of Maryland in 1969-70.

A veteran of the Korean War, Mr. Cox was a 1943 graduate of Polytechnic Institute and earned a Bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1946 from Villanova University.

Mr. Cox went to work for member firm Rummel, Klepper & Kahl (RK&K) in 1946 when the firm had eight employees. At the time of his retirement from the firm in 1986 as a Principal, RK&K had grown to 180 employees.

During his distinguished career, Mr. Cox was responsible for the structural design of many buildings, bridges, and waste treatment facilities including Shriver Hall on the Johns Hopkins University's Homewood Campus, the Veteran Administration Hospital in Northeast Baltimore, the Cromwell and Catonsville water pumping stations, Polytechnic Institute-Western High School, and the master site plan for the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

In addition to being active in CEC/MD, Mr. Cox's professional memberships included the Maryland Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), and the Chesapeake Water Pollution Control Association.

New Members

The following organization has been elected to Affiliate membership:

ACEC Business Insurance Trust

701 Market Street, Suite 1100

St. Louis, Missouri 63101

Telephone: 800-338-1391; FAX: 888-621-3173

Website: www.acecbit.com

Contact: Karen Corbett karen.m.corbett@marsh.com

Sandra Boillot sandra.r.boillot@marsh.com

Brief History and Activities of the Firm: The ACEC Business Insurance Trust is guided by practicing engineers; people with vast experience dealing with the issues you face daily in the management of your practice. The ACEC Business and Professional Liability Insurance Program is administered by Marsh USA Inc. from its offices in St. Louis, Missouri. The trustees meet on a regular basis on matters relevant to members' practices with the goal of advancing the practice and meeting the insurance needs of ACEC member firms.

We welcome this organization as a member of ACEC/MD. Be sure to add their information to your records. The next time you see one of their representatives, please take the time to let them know we're glad that they have joined the Council!

Member News

ATCS, PLC has moved its corporate headquarters effective November 1, 2010 to:
2553 Dulles View Drive, Suite 300, Herndon, VA 20171
Office: 703-430-7500; FAX: 703-430-0889

EBA ENGINEERING, INC. is pleased to announce the following new hires:
--**Jasvir K. Grewal, P.E.** has joined the Water/Wastewater Group as a Senior Project Engineer.
--**Martin A. Soma, P.E.** has joined the Water/Wastewater Group as a Project Manager.
--**Daniel C. Hixon** has joined the Environmental Group as a Project Manager.

KCI TECHNOLOGIES, INC. is pleased to announce the addition of **Kenneth T. Briggs, P.E.** as the Highway Practice Leader in the greater Mid-Atlantic Region.

KIM ENGINEERING recently reopened an office at:
3505 Ellicott Mills Drive, Suite C1, Ellicott City, MD 21043
Office: 410-480-1062; FAX: 410-480-1064

NAVARRO & WRIGHT, CONSULTING ENGINEERS' **Paul Navarro** and **Charles Wright** were recently honored as one of the 2010 TOP 100 MBE Winners for the Mid-Atlantic Region.

SABRA, WANG & ASSOCIATES, INC. recently announced promotions of the following professionals:

- Keith Riniker, P.E., PTOE**, Senior Associate, Traffic Engineering, ITS Design & Operations
- Paul Silberman, P.E., PTOE**, Senior Associate, Transportation Planning & Data Collection
- Ray Dagher, P.E.**, Senior Associate, Civil & Highway Engineering
- Paul Lee, P.E.**, Senior Associate, Municipal Infrastructure & Utilities Engineering
- Shyamalesh Nandi, P.E.**, Associate, Structural Engineering

STRAUGHAN ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES has relocated to:
10245 Old Columbia Road, Columbia, MD 21046-2818

Seeking Employment

The following individual is seeking employment and has a complete resume on file in the ACEC/MD office. Please phone 410-539-1592 if you are interested in obtaining a copy.

1. Individual with 30 years of local experience as a **Civil Engineer and Construction Management Inspector** seeks position.