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Upcoming Event

Positioning Your Firm for Success in the New Economy

featuring

Anirban Basu,
Chairman & CEO of
Sage Policy Group, Inc.

Thursday, March 17, 2011

Registration: 8:00 AM; Program: 8:30 AM

The Engineers Club

11 West Mount Place, Baltimore

Renowned, locally-based economist
Anirban Basu will provide
valuable insight on how your firm can
navigate the uncertain
economic landscape that lies ahead.

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for complete details and to register.

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**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT  
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**March 1**

***Engineering Green 2011***

Baltimore, MD. Presented by the Maryland Chapter USGBC, Maryland Section ASCE, Baltimore Post SAME, and Maryland Chapter ASLA. For more information, contact Kristina Braun at [kbraun@klinefelder.com](mailto:kbraun@klinefelder.com).

**March 9-11**

***4<sup>th</sup> Annual Transportation & Infrastructure Convention***

Washington, DC. Presented by Dean International. For more information or to register call 214.750.0123 or go to [www.transportationsummit.com](http://www.transportationsummit.com).

**March 17**

***Positioning Your Firm for Success in the New Economy***

Baltimore, MD. Sponsored by ACEC/MD featuring Anirban Basu, of the Sage Policy Group. To register, contact the ACEC/MD office 410.539.1592.

**March 20-22**

***The 2011 Small Business Contracting Outreach Forum***

Baltimore, MD. Sponsored by the Society of Military Engineers-Baltimore Post with presentations from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, North Atlantic Division. To register go to [www.samebalt.org](http://www.samebalt.org).

**March 21-24**

***SPAR 2011 – 3D Imaging & Positioning for Engineering / Construction / Manufacturing / Security***

Houston, TX. To register call 972.943.4770 or go to [www.sparconference.com](http://www.sparconference.com).

**April 3-5**

***Brownfields 2011 – Sustainable Communities Start Here***

Philadelphia, PA. To register for this complimentary program go to [www.brownfields2011.org](http://www.brownfields2011.org). Presented by the U.S. EPA and leaders at the Core of Better Communities (ICMA).

**April 20-21**

***Green Building Focus – Conference & Expo***

Charlotte, NC. Hosted by AIA Charlotte, Green Buildings Initiative, International Code Council, BOMA and the N.C. Green Chamber of Commerce. For more information go to [www.greenbuildingfocus.com](http://www.greenbuildingfocus.com).  
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President's Message *by Joe Makar, P.E.*



The Legislative Session is in full swing and ACEC/MD, with a group of organizations and businesses, developed an alliance that is known as "START" (Statewide Transportation Alliance to Restore the Trust). This alliance, led by several major organizations including AAA, the Greater Baltimore Committee, the Greater Washington Board of Trade and the Maryland Chamber of Commerce, is committed to working with the Governor and the General Assembly to enhance transportation in Maryland by reducing congestion and improving safety. The key components of the alliance's goals include

increasing the funding to the Transportation Trust Fund and sparing the Trust Fund from any further raids by enacting legal protections for the Fund.

The Governor's "Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation Funding" is also moving along in reviewing the status of transportation issues in Maryland, and in the near future will make recommendations concerning State transportation funding sources and the Maryland Transportation Trust Fund.

Senator Robert J. Garagiola submitted a bill on transportation funding, which includes increasing transportation funding and protection of the Transportation Trust Fund. Senate Bill 714 was submitted on February 4th. ACEC/MD strongly recommends that you call your local legislators and let them know you are in favor of this bill. In this "no tax" climate it is important that your legislators hear from you in order for this bill to have a chance of passing.

In order to have the opportunity to support our local legislators that have championed infrastructure investment and to explain our position on issues that are important to our industry, it is imperative that we contribute to CEPAC, which is ACEC/MD's State Political Action Committee. Through both your financial support and grassroots lobbying efforts, we can make a difference.

SHA Partnering Meeting: On February 10, 2011 SHA met with ACEC/MD to discuss numerous topics that impact our industry. We discussed the status of the CTP, Reauthorization, FAR, On-site Consultant Training Policy and the contract expiration/extension issue. One of the major topics that will impact many of our member firms is the Reauthorization from the Federal

level. It appears that there is no positive movement to develop a reauthorization bill to meet the needs of our aging infrastructure. We will keep you posted on the status.

Awards Banquet: I congratulate all the winners in this year's competition. The variety of projects and the individual contributions spotlighted during this gala evening personify the positive contributions that our member firms make to society on a daily basis. Be sure to check out ACEC/MD's March/April newsletter where we salute the best of our industry.

Legislative Alert: Transportation Trust Fund Support

We need your help in urging Maryland's legislators to address the dangerous state of Maryland's transportation funding and to follow the recommendations just issued by the Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation Funding. It is absolutely critical that you and your employees contact members of the Maryland Legislature and urge them to vote in favor of **House Bill 1001 and Senate Bill 714 - Transportation Trust Fund – Financing – Use of Funds**. House Bill 1001 and Senate Bill 714 have hearings scheduled in the House Ways & Means Committee on March 1st and the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee on March 9th.

If your/their elected officials are not on the committees that are considering the legislation, please suggest that they encourage members of the House Ways & Means Committee and the Senate Budget & Taxation Committee to support these bills.

Key features of the Legislation:

- Constitutional Amendment protecting the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) from further use as a general budget fund
- Ten-cent increase in the fuel tax effective July 1, 2011
- One-cent maximum annual increase in fuel tax beginning 2013 indexed to the construction cost index (CCI)
- 50% increase in the annual vehicle registration fee

The provisions in this legislation are consistent with the findings of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation Funding that identifies the fiscal crisis facing the state of Maryland.

Data presented to the Commission highlights that a ten-cent per gallon gas tax increase costs only an average \$58 per vehicle per year. Contrast this fact with the national transportation research group TRIP's study that reveals that the condition of Maryland's transportation system is costing the average motorist \$2,300 each year, as commerce and commuting are constrained by traffic congestion on Maryland's roads. Coupled with the recent findings by the Texas Transportation Institute that ranked the Washington, DC area and Baltimore area as the worst and fifth most

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congested area in our nation, respectively, requires that action be taken immediately.

With toll increases on the horizon in the fall, it is imperative that the 6,000 employees of our member firms contact their elected officials today.

Utilizing the following sample letter, please contact both the elected officials representing your residence and the district that your firm is located in. To locate the appropriate legislative district, please go to the Legislative Action Center of ACEC/MD's website (www.acecmd.org). And don't forget to utilize the "Transportation and You" presentation, also located on the website, as a resource for informing employees about funding transportation projects in the state.

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*As a resident of the (insert District) and an employee of (insert firm name) that employs (insert number of people), I respectfully request that you encourage the members of the House Ways & Means Committee / Senate Budget & Taxation Committee to act favorably on HB 1001 / SB 714 – Transportation Trust Fund – Financing – Use of Funds.*

*In addition to ensuring through a constitutional amendment that funds in the Transportation Trust Fund are used only for purposes relating to transportation except for defense or relief purposes, this legislation provides for a:*

- *Ten-cent increase in the fuel tax effective July 1, 2011*
- *One-cent maximum annual increase in fuel tax beginning 2013 indexed to the construction cost index (CCI)*
- *50% increase in the annual vehicle registration fee*

*This legislation is consistent with the findings of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation Funding that Maryland's transportation system is facing a fiscal crisis. Additional investment in our transportation system will create jobs, ensure safe travel, reduce travel time, and provide for the quality of life that your constituents expect.*

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*In order for this funding increase to gain support the integrity of the Transportation Trust Fund must be maintained.*

*There is a real cost for inaction on this important matter, therefore, I respectfully request that you vote favorably on this important legislation.*

*Thank you very much for considering my opinion on this issue.*

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SHA / ACEC/MD Partnering Committee Addresses Contract Extension Issue

One of the most important issues addressed at the February 10th SHA / ACEC/MD partnering meeting was the negative impact of the Board of Public Works Advisory issued February 18, 2009 that eliminates contract extensions. With the downturn in the economy and the resulting diminished utilization of many MDOT contracts, agreements are expiring with millions of unallocated dollars remaining that could be used on future projects.

Section 7 of BPW Advisory No: 1995-1 states that:

Modifications to extend a contract term are permitted only if extended before the term expires and:

(a) The purpose is to:

(1) Complete work under a task order issued before the contract expires;

Or

(2) Provide the State agency a reasonable, limited, and defined time to complete the new procurement, to resolve a protect, or to facilitate a successful transition between contractors; or

(b) When there are unspent funds remaining, an agency may extend a contract but not add funds (no-cost extension) for a reasonable limited, and defined time if the:

(1) Original contract contains a provision authorizing the no-cost extension;

(2) Approved Action Agenda Item stated that the contract contained a provision authorizing a no-cost extension;

(3) Scope of work under the extension is the same as the original contract;

(4) Agency provides prior written notice to the board of its intent to extend the contract the extension terms.

Board regulations concerning the approval of Action Agenda Items or the reporting of PAARs must be complied with.

The decision is not only costing the state, but is a tremendous financial drain on our firms including many small and disadvantaged businesses.

MDOT Chair Frank Waesche (Wallace, Montgomery & Associates) is in the process of once again contacting MDOT Secretary Swaim-Staley to advise her that our predictions on the impact of this advisory are coming to fruition.

ACEC/MD representatives will then approach representatives of the Board of Public Works to explain that their well-intentioned action to increase competition is costing both the state and our firms a tremendous amount of money.

Thank You for Helping ACEC/PAC be the Top Engineering Political Action Committee in the Nation

By raising \$20,713 and eclipsing its goal, ACEC/MD was one of 30 states that achieved their 2010 ACEC/PAC goal. In total ACEC raised \$580,000, placing the PAC in the top 4% of all PACs in the nation.

Our work is far from done with important issues such as infrastructure reauthorization, and repeal of the onerous 3% withholding tax and 1099 mandate at the forefront.

In order to achieve the goal of ACEC/PAC becoming a \$1-million PAC, ACEC/MD's goal has been increased to \$21,470.

The aforementioned mandates are due to kick in in 2012. Sponsors are lined up for repeal legislation. In order to continue the positive momentum we are seeing on these and other issues, we will once again need your support. If your name is not listed below, please consider joining the following individuals that are making a difference in the political arena:

Lyle Aaby; Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani
Majid Abed; Century Engineering Inc.
Matt Allen; Wallace, Montgomery & Associates, LLP
W. Art Barrett; Gannett Fleming, Inc.
Shane Beabes; KCI Technologies, Inc.
Nathan Beil; KCI Technologies, Inc.
James Blake; Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.
Joseph Blaney; KCI Technologies, Inc.
Kumar Buvanendaran; Prime Engineering, Inc.
Daniel Cheng; Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson
Mark Cheskey; Parsons Brinckerhoff
W. Preston Davis; Alpha Corporation
Maurice DeBeary; Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc.
Maureen Decker; Pennoni Associates, Inc.
Philip Der; Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani
Joseph DiCarlo; AECOM USA, Inc.
Steve Drumm; KCI Technologies, Inc.
Art Ebersberger; CBIZ Ebersberger/Plan
Rachel Ellis; Gannett Fleming, Inc.
Michael Flood; Parsons Brinckerhoff
Harvey Floyd; KCI Technologies, Inc.
Anthony Frascarella; Century Engineering Inc.

Christopher Fronheiser; AECOM USA, Inc.
Anthony Fusco; KCI Technologies, Inc.
Kunal Gangopadhyay; EBA Engineering, Inc.
Christopher Griffith; KCI Technologies, Inc.
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Michael Baker Corporation PAC
Walter Miller; Whitman Requardt and Associates, LLP
Alan Mlinarchik; KCI Technologies, Inc.
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Michael Myers; Rummel, Klepper & Kahl
Terry Neimeyer; KCI Technologies, Inc.
Jeffrey Nelson; Schnabel Engineering, Inc.
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Francis Smyth; Century Engineering Inc.
Harry Stephen; Century Engineering Inc.
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Stephen Zentz; Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP

CEPAC Contributors Assist in Carrying the Profession's Message Forward

We would like to thank the following firms and individuals that contributed to ACEC/MD's state PAC, CEPAC.

While Falling short of meeting the fund raising goal in the just concluded four-year cycle, these contributors greatly assisted ACEC/MD's efforts to carry the profession's message to Annapolis.

In 2010, ACEC/MD was successful in gaining passage of House Bill 168 – Architectural or Engineering Services – Construction Industry – Indemnity Agreements – Void, which provided for protection from exposure unrelated to any negligence on the part of a firm providing design, inspection or surveying services.

Political contributions often provide ACEC/MD representatives with the opportunity to explain the pros and cons of a particular piece of legislation.

ACEC/MD has established a goal of raising \$100,000 over the next four-year election cycle. If your name or the name of your firm is not on this list, won't you please join in this effort.

Firms that contributed:

A. Morton Thomas & Associates
AECOM
Century Engineering
Development Facilitators, Inc.
EBA Engineering
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Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson
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Rummel, Klepper & Kahl
Schnabel Engineering
Straughan Environmental Services
Urban Engineers
Wallace, Montgomery & Associates
Whitman, Requardt & Associates
Whitney, Bailey, Cox & Magnani

Individuals that contributed in 2010:

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Nathan Beil (KCI)
Joseph Blaney, Sr. (KCI)
Kumar Buvanendaran (Prime)
Daniel T. Cheng (JMT)
Maureen Decker (Pennoni)
Stephen Drumm (KCI)
Harvey Floyd (KCI)
Tony Frascarella (Century)
Chris Fronheiser (AECOM)
Anthony Fusco (KCI)
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Maryland's Congressional Delegation Voices Support for ACEC-Backed Initiatives

ACEC/MD Congressional Visits Set for March 30th

We are pleased to report that a major theme at the 2011 Maryland Chamber of Committee Congressional Dinner was increasing infrastructure funding and encouraging job creation.

Seven of the ten Maryland Congressional Representatives participated in this town hall style meeting, addressing issues of importance such as the economy, transportation funding, and business and environmental

regulations.

Following up on this theme, ACEC/MD received a letter from Congressman C. A. Dutch Ruppertsberger that included a copy of a correspondence from several members of Congress to Speaker of the House John Boehner and Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi. The letter encourage House Leaders to resist efforts to cut transportation funding when considering proposals to cut federal spending across the board.

In addition to Congressman Ruppertsberger, signing on to this letter from Maryland were Congressional Representatives Donna Edwards and Elijah Cummings.

Also contained in the correspondence was a request to quickly bring to the floor bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the surface transportation programs. The letter cited the strong link between infrastructure programs and the creation of jobs. For example, every \$1-billion invested in transportation infrastructure creates about 35,000 jobs and adds up to \$6-billion to the Country's gross domestic product.

Maryland Senator Ben Cardin was also at the forefront in supporting ACEC's efforts to repeal the burdensome 1099 reporting requirement that was part of the federal health care law. The Senator was part of a strong majority that voted 81-17 to repeal the requirement that, commencing in 2012, would require firms to file a 1099 for every vendor that sells more than \$600 in goods. Unfortunately, Senator Barbara Mikulski voted against repeal.

Included in the Federal Aviation Amendment, once passed by the entire Senate, the repeal measure would move to the House as HR4. Included in the 263 House sponsors are Representatives Roscoe Bartlett, Andy Harris, and Dutch Ruppertsberger.

Be sure to mark your calendars, and plan to join other ACEC/MD members on Wednesday, March 30th as we hit Capitol Hill as part of ACEC's Annual Legislative Summit. ACEC will provide position statements on their website and conduct an issues briefing that morning for the 2011 ACEC Annual Convention registrants. While attendance at the convention is encouraged, it is not mandatory to participate in the visitations.

Contact the ACEC/MD office to sign up for the visitations and help build on this positive momentum.

ACEC/MD Firms Recognized at 2011 Maryland Quality Initiative Conference

Demonstrating excellence in design, ACEC/MD member firms once again walked away with top honors at the recent Maryland Quality Initiative Conference in

Baltimore. This year's conference took on a decidedly multi-modal flare with the addition of new partners – the Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) and the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA). This year's ACEC/MD award winners included:

Planning Studies / Public Involvement Winner

MD 197 from Kenhill Drive to MD 450 relocated - URS Corporation

Consultant Highway Design Winner

I-70 / MD 85 / MD 355 Interchange – Whitman, Requardt & Associates

Consultant Structure Design Winner

Emergency Repair of the I-695 Drawbridge over Curtis Creek –
Hardesty & Hanover, LLP

Consultant Structure Design / Facility Winner

BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport – Concourse D/E – URS Corporation

Consultant Environmental Design Winner

Matthew Henson Trail – GPI & AB Consultants, Inc.

Partnering Gold Winner

MD 150 from Diamond Point Road to Island Point Road – Wallace, Montgomery & Associates

Partnering Silver Winner

I-95 / I-695: I-95 from Hazelwood Avenue to King Avenue & I-695 from Lillian Holt Drive to MD 7 – Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson

Partnering Bronze Winner

I-95 / I-495 / I-295 Interchange, Inner Loop Local & Inner Loop Express –
Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson and Whitman, Requardt & Associates

“Green Transportation” Project Winner

I-70 EB & WB Welcome Center in Myersville, MD – KCI Technologies

News Briefs

- Nominations are being accepted through March 14th for the 2011 Outstanding Young Scientist and Outstanding Young Engineer Awards presented by the Maryland Academy of Sciences. To be eligible for consideration, individual must be 35 years old or younger. Complete eligibility requirements and nomination forms are available under the “programs” section at www.marylandsciencecenter.org.
- The deadline to nominate outstanding concrete projects for the Maryland Chapter of the American Concrete Institute Awards is March 25th. For information, go to www.marylandconcrete.com.
- Rudi Chow, formerly the Team Chief of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's Customer Care Team, has been named Acting Head of the Bureau of Water & Wastewater of the City of Baltimore

New Members

The following firms have been elected to membership:

Transtech Engineering Consultants

8808 Centre Park Drive, Suite 206

Columbia, MD 21045

Telephone: 410-730-1789; Fax 410-730-1803

Website: www.transtecheng.com

Firm Representative: Umesh P. Murthy, P.E.

Brief History and Activities of the Firm: Established in 2008, Transtech Engineering Consultants was incorporated in 2008 by Umesh Murthy who was an employee of Sabra, Wang & Associates, and Sue Wang who was retired from Harford County DPW. The field of operations for the firm: highway, structure, bridges, buildings, civil, and security. This multi-discipline engineering firm offers the following services: design, analysis and rating of highway structures such as bridges, and retaining walls; inspection of highway structures; structural inspection and assessment of buildings; design of roadways, highways, truck weigh facilities and toll plazas; structural design of buildings; foundation design of highway structures and buildings; assessment and design of infrastructure security for long span bridges, tunnels and other transportation infrastructure; and QA/QC of construction bid documents of highway/bridge projects.

Shah & Associates

57 West Timonium Road, #207

Timonium, MD 21093

Telephone: 410-560-7001; Fax 410-560-7004

Firm Representative: Shreedhar Shah

Website: www.shahpe.com

Brief History and Activities of the Firm: Established in 1977, Shah & Associates has extensive experience in electrical investigations, studies, design, post-design, commissioning services, and final build. Its technical expertise is currently being applied to solar and renewable energy projects throughout the United States, evaluating, designing and building solar installations. The firm's team of experts provides a comprehensive suite of electrical services. Shah & Associates design and develop sophisticated, smart, and safe power systems including Electrical Substations; Feasibility Studies; Arc Flash Studies; Construction Inspection; Energy Management Programs; Commissioning; Distribution Systems (above and underground); UPS/Emergency Power Systems; Utility/Plant Coordination; and Electrical Facility Design.

We welcome these firms as members 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

Recognizing contributions toward the advancement of women and minorities, **A. MORTON THOMAS & ASSOCIATES' Heidi Van Luven** was recently chosen for the Woman of the Year Award by the Women Transportation Society (WTS) Baltimore Chapter.

GEORGE, MILES & BUHR, LLC (GMB) would like to congratulate **M. Ella Garcia, P.E.** for passing the exam to become a registered Professional Engineer, and **Ryan A. Shockley, E.I.** for passing the exam to become an Engineering Intern.

KCI TECHNOLOGIES is pleased to announce the addition of **Roger A. Eaton, P.E.** as the Regional Practice Leader for Transportation Structures in the greater Mid-Atlantic states. Also, the firm, along with **Kenneth Dill**, recently garnered the 2010 AIA Baltimore President's Award principally for establishing and nurturing the annual CANstruction competition and food drive.

McCORMICK TAYLOR is proud to announce that **Barry J. Schoch, P.E.** has been nominated to be the new Pennsylvania Secretary of Transportation.

SABRA, WANG & ASSOCIATES is pleased to announce the following new hires:

- **Lisa Zimmerman, ASLA** to their Transportation Planning and Highway Design group
- **Thomas J. McKelvey, P.E.** within the Municipal Infrastructure and Utilities Team
- **Raymond I. Green, P.E., P.H., CFM**, to their Civil and Highway Engineering Team
- **Depankar "Dep" Debnath, P.E.** to their Structures Team

WHITNEY, BAILEY, COX & MAGNANI (WBCM) is pleased to announce the following promotions:

- **Phil Han, P.E.** to Senior Vice President and Class B Principal
- **Jesse Lindsay, P.E., LEED AP** to Senior Vice President and Class B Principal
- **Brian Noll, P.E.** to Chief Engineer – Environmental Water Resources
- **Mike Stasch, P.E.** to Chief Engineer – Building Structures

Seeking Employment

The following individuals are seeking employment and have 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 more than eleven years of broad supervisory and leadership experience in the engineering industry focusing on accounting, human resources, and contract administration seeks position.
2. Retired Civil Engineer with 40 years of local experience seeks employment to supplement retirement income. Individual does not require health insurance or retirement plan, and would work on part-time basis.