

Noteworthy News

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Military Appreciation Month

May 2015 was National Military Appreciation Month. This month included a May 1st celebration of Loyalty Day, Victory in Europe Day and Military Spouse Appreciation Day, both celebrated on May 8th, the celebration of Armed Forces Day on May 16th, and Memorial Day, celebrated on May 25th. It is at this time that we honor, remember, recognize and appreciate all military personnel. From those men and women who have served throughout our history, to those who now serve, as well as their families, please join Belstar in thanking and celebrating our nation's military for their sacrifices and successes.

Click here for more information about Military Appreciation Month.

Asian and Pacific Islander History Month

May is also Asian-Pacific Heritage Month. Originating as a congressional bill in June of 1977, and becoming a month-long celebration in 1992, Asian-Pacific Heritage Month is a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. The month of May commemorates the anniversary of the first Japanese immigration to the United States on May 7, 1843. The completion of the transcontinental railroad also occurred in May of 1869 and the majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants.

Click here for more information regarding Asian-Pacific Heritage Month.

National Women's Health Week

Belstar would also like to acknowledge National Women's Health Week, which was May 10-16, 2015. This initiative serves as a way to help women understand what steps they can take to improve their health, and also empowers women to make their health a priority.

National Women's Health Week encourages women to take the following important steps to improve physical and mental health:

- Visit a doctor or nurse to receive regular checkups and preventive screenings
- Get active
- Eat healthy
- Pay attention to mental health, including getting enough sleep and managing stress
- Avoid unhealthy behaviors, such as smoking, texting while driving, and not wearing a seatbelt or bicycle helmet

Click here for more information about National Women's Health!

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Mentor Protégé Spotlight

Belcher Consultants, Inc.

Belcher Assessments and Project Controls

Belstar Cost Estimating (BCE)

Cedar EMC, Inc.

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Why Choose Belstar

 Core Values Trust - Faith In Others Shared Values – Common Goals Effective Communication -Good Listeners Humble Leadership – Shared Spotlight Empowerment - All of the above *By Lon Solomon (3/5/2000)

- Facility/ Program / Project / Construction Management / Cost Engineering / Cost Management / Dispute Resolutions and Claims Analysis / Scheduling
- 30 Year Record of Performance
- Fees average 20% for combined Office / 15% for Field Below similar-sized firms

The Rest of Our Team:

- DeSmet Legal, LLC and Blackthorn Law Group
- EagleBank Banking needs
- Hertzbach & Company, P.A.
- MacConel & Dodd CPA

SOME, Inc. (So Others Might Eat)

Summer can be a very dangerous time for the homeless, particularly for the elderly and those with poor health. The hot, humid summers in Washington, DC present the very real danger of dehydration to our homeless population. We hope you will consider donating to this worthwhile organization to help our homeless stay safe in the heat this summer.

DONATE NOW!

Project Wins

- Ava Electric awarded Belstar an on-call contract for electrical cost estimating services.
- Belstar, as part of the AECOM-Parsons (JV) Federal agency team, has been awarded option year #2.
- Belstar, as part of the CH2M Hill lead District Department of Transportation (DDOT) Anacostia Waterfront team, has been awarded option year #2.
- Belstar, as part of the McDonough Bolyard Peck, Inc. (MBP) led Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Northern Virginia Permits team, has been awarded option year #2.
- The Belstar led DC Water team has been awarded option year #2.
- The Belstar led DDOT team has been awarded option year #2 of an oncall construction management inspection contract.
- Belstar, as part of the AECOM lead team, will be providing cost estimating and scheduling services for the Washington Union Station Infrastructure project.
- Belstar, as part of the AECOM team, was awarded an extra work order for the Baltimore Washington International Airport runway safety project.

Click here to see a comprehensive list of Belstar's 2015 project wins at www.Belstar.com

Charitable Donations

ACE Mentor Program – Daniel J. Belcher, Sr. and James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Compassion – For Benefit of Rose-Carline Petit-Frere US Fund for UNICEF – To Benefit Nepal Earthquake Victims

ACE Mentor Program

Belstar is a sponsor of the Architecture, Construction and Engineering (ACE) Mentor Program of the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area. This program has volunteer mentor teams that go to area high schools and engage students in hands-on industry-related activities and construction site tours, encouraging them to consider careers in architecture, construction and engineering.

The ACE Mentor Program of Washington, DC held its 15th Annual ACE DC Scholarship Awards Breakfast on Friday, May 15, 2015. The breakfast was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Willard Intercontinental Hotel in Washington, DC.

After opening comments by Mr. Paul Choquette, III, Board President, the Keynote Speaker, Ms. Nancy Bechtol, Director of the Office of Facilities, Engineering and Operations of the Smithsonian Institute (OFEO), gave a very informative slide presentation on the Smithsonian Institute. Some of the interesting facts about the Smithsonian OFEO are:

- OFEO is the largest organization in the Smithsonian
 - Responsible for:
 - 19 Museums
 - National Zoological Park
 - o 11 Gardens
 - 9 Research Facilities
 - o 137 Million Artifacts
 - 13 Million Square Feet of Facilities

The Program continued with the presentation of the scholarship awards. At the breakfast, local area high school students were recognized with scholarship awards for their outstanding commitment to architecture, construction, and engineering, as well as their overall academic achievement. Belstar would like to congratulate scholarship winner, Ms. Tiara Jones, a Design Major, who won the scholarship sponsored by Belstar, known as the Daniel J. Belcher, Sr. and James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. Forrester Construction was also a contributor to this scholarship.



Belstar's Gina Welc with scholarship winner Tiara Jones

Support of the award-winning Ace Mentor Program, and initiatives like the scholarship awards, have inspired interest in the architecture, construction and engineering fields with the next generation, increased high school graduation rates, and have sent amazing students on to continue their studies in higher education.

Belstar personnel have served on the ACE Mentor Washington Chapter Board of

Directors for almost two decades!

Please consider making a donation to this very worthy organization. Many young people's lives will be changed by your contributions. Please click here to make a general donation to the program or click here for more information about the ACE Mentor Program, Washington, DC.

The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête

Belstar is a sponsor of the third annual Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête, which will be held November 13, 2015 at the Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium. This event celebrates individuals who make Washington better through their contributions as designers, advocates, and clients. It is a black-tie event that includes a cocktail reception, a seated dinner, awards program, and a dessert buffet.

This year's honorees include Shalom Baranes, FAIA, Gerry Sigal, Lam Vuong, AIA, and Ricardo Rodriguez, Assoc. AIA. Along with celebrating these worthy individuals, the Fall Design Fête supports the Washington Architectural Foundation's education and community outreach programs. Whether they are helping children understand design through their curriculum enrichment program in the DC schools, or aiding a nonprofit to better serve its own constituency with a well-designed space, the Foundation helps makes a difference in the local Washington community.

If you would like more information, or would like to support this noble cause, please email Joe Sacco, AIA at joseph.sacco@aecom.com.

The Washington Architectural Foundation thanks you for your support of the Fall Design Fête. The Washington Architectural Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization. Contributions are tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations.

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- Be sure to visit www.Belstar.com for more information regarding Belstar's summer internship program.
- Also watch for an updated listing of Belstar's past and present projects in the Project Experience section.