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Why Choose Belstar

Special Announcements

Belstar would like to acknowledge Military Appreciation Month (May), Asian/Pacific Heritage Month (May), and National Women's Health Week (May):

Military Appreciation Month

May was National Military Appreciation Month. This very important month honors, remembers, recognizes and appreciates all military personnel. It is a time to focus on the men and women who have served throughout our history and all who now serve in uniform, as well as their families. This is also a time to honor those Americans who have given their lives in defense of our freedom. Let us celebrate those on active duty in all branches of the services, the National Guard and Reserves, plus retirees, veterans, and all of their families – well over 90 million, and more than 230 years of our nation's history. 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/Pacific American Heritage Month

May was also Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. It is during this time that we celebrate Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States, encompassing all of those from the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia. This month was chosen to celebrate because it commemorates the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843. It also marks the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the tracks of this railroad were laid by Chinese immigrants.

Click here for more information about Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

Women's Health Week

The 17th annual National Women's Health Week began on Mother's Day, May 8, 2016 and was celebrated through May 14, 2016. Led by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health, the goal of this observance is to empower women to make their health a priority. It is also a time to help women understand what steps they can take to improve their health, such as:

- Visiting a doctor or nurse for a well-woman visit
- Preventative screenings
- Physical activity
- Healthy eating
- Getting enough sleep
- Managing stress
- Avoiding unhealthy behaviors such as smoking, texting while driving, and

- 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

not wearing a seatbelt or bicycle helmet.

Click here for more information about National Women's Health Week.

SOME, Inc. (So Others Might Eat)

SOME (So Others Might Eat) is an interfaith, community-based organization that helps the poor and homeless of Washington, DC. There are 8,250 homeless men, women and children in our nation's capital. The hot, humid summers 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

- Belstar, as part of the WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff team, was awarded Task Order #2: Smoke Town Road, which is part of the Prince William County, Virginia project.
- Belstar, as part of the WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff team, was awarded several task orders for the District Department of Transportation: Mall Tunnels project.
- Belstar, as part of the A. Morton Thomas team, was awarded a task order by the Maryland Department of General Services (MD DGS) for the Honor Guard Road study at the US Federal Cemetery on the Maryland Eastern Shore.
- Belstar, as part of the Stantec Architecture team, was awarded the Patterson-Claremont School which will replace the current Patterson High School project by the Maryland Stadium Authority and Baltimore City Public Schools.
- Belstar, as part of the AECOM team, was awarded two modifications to assist Amtrak with the Washington Union Station Infrastructure project.
- Belstar is on the current District Department of Transportation (DDOT) A-E Schedule list for CMI services. DDOT renews the list for all consultants approximately every three years.

Click here to see a comprehensive list of Belstar's 2016 project wins at www.Belstar.com

Charitable Donations

Compassion for the benefit of Rose-Carline Petit-Frere

ACE Mentor Program of Greater Washington – The Daniel J. Belcher, Sr. and James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

College Orientation Workshop for the Virginia Military Institute

Promotions & Recognitions

Congratulations to the following Belstar team members:

- Mike Johnson and Belstar new hire Yama Ebrahimi were selected to join the DC Water Division D and Division I projects.
- Daniel Belcher, Jr. received a Construction Management Certificate from the Virginia college boards.
- Elena Sarychev was promoted to Project Manager by her DOD on site peers.
- Allan Luai was selected to join the DOD project as a Transition Specialist.

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 16th Annual ACE DC Scholarship Awards Breakfast on Friday, May 13, 2016. 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 was Mr. Shalom Baranes. Mr. Baranes is the founding principal of Shalom Baranes Associates. His commitment to fostering urban revitalization has established him as a recognized leader in Washington, DC's rejuvenation. His work has led to transformative changes throughout the area. Mr. Baranes has authored articles and lectured extensively on design, urban planning and preservation issues. He was one of the youngest architects ever elevated to the American Institute of Architects College of fellows and has been appointed to serve on the National Peer Review Panel by GSA.

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, Mr. Teodros Yemani-Brehan, an Architect major, who won the scholarship sponsored by Belstar, known as the Daniel J. Belcher, Sr. and James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship. Wilson Elser, LLP was also a contributor to this scholarship.



Mr. & Mrs. Yemani-Brehan and their son, Mr. Teodros Yemani-Brehan, and Belstar's Gina M. Welc

Belstar would like to take this opportunity to thank our clients that did contribute to this worthy cause! Your generosity has definitely made a difference in helping our high school students reach their goals!

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 for more information about the ACE Mentor Program, Washington, DC.

The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête

Belstar is a sponsor of the fourth annual Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête, which will be held November 18, 2016 at the Library of Congress. 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:

Graham Davidson, FAIA - 2016 Centennial Medal Award for distinguished service to the Chapter, community, and profession

Kojo Nnamdi, NPR Radiohost - 2016 Glenn Brown Award for improving the quality of life in DC and raising awareness of architecture and its benefits to society

Janet Bloomberg, AIA - 2016 John 'Wieb' Wiebenson Award for Architecture in

the Public Interest

Abigail Brown, AIA - 2016 Emerging Architects Award for exceptional leadership early in a career

Luis Velez Alvarez, AIA - 2016 Emerging Architects Award for exceptional leadership early in a career

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.

For more information or to make a sponsorship gift, please contact Mary Fitch at **mfitch@aiadc.com** or 202-347-9403.

Click here for sponsorship options.

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.

Mentor Protégé Spotlight

- Congratulations to Belcher Consultants, Inc. and Cedar EMC, Inc. on their upcoming tenth anniversaries this October.
- Congratulations to Belcher Assessments and Project Controls, Belstar Cost Estimating, LLC (BCE), Holland Home Improvement, James Young FF, Jarrett Contracting, M.A. + Associates, LLC, and Millennium Associates on their ninth anniversaries n 2016.

Congratulations to all of the Belstar Mentor Protégés for their continued success!

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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.