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Why Choose Belstar

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

Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 – October 15, 2014) has been celebrated in the United States since 1974, when President Gerald Ford issued a Presidential Proclamation extending Hispanic Heritage Week into a month-long observation. The celebration begins on September 15 because it is the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries – Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Mexico, Chile, and Belize also achieved independence during this period.

It is during this time that we celebrate the heritage and culture of the Hispanic and Latino Americans in the United States and recognize their contributions and achievements. Hispanics have enhanced and shaped the national character with centuries-old traditions, reflecting multiethnic and multicultural customs. Their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service has also profoundly influenced the nation.

Please join Belstar in sharing in this annual tribute by learning and celebrating the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched this great nation.

Click [here](#) for more information about Hispanic Heritage Month
Click [here](#) for a Hispanic Heritage Month 2014 Recommended Reading List
Click [here](#) for Hispanic Heritage Month Fun Facts

Project Wins

- Belstar, as part of the Thompson + Litton team, was awarded an A-E on-call contract with the Virginia Department of Community Colleges Architectural Engineering services.
- The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) awarded the Parsons Brinkerhoff led team the VDOT Northern Regions Operations and ITS four year on-call CEI services contract.
- Belstar is a member of the AECOM / Parsons (JV) Department of Defense (DOD) team contract. The team has been awarded option year #2 to provide onsite Project Management Support services.
- Belstar is a member of the CH2M Hill team that has been awarded option year #2 for the District Department of Transportation's Anacostia Waterfront Initiative Program Management contract.
- Belstar, as part of the Thompson + Litton team, was awarded an A-E design contract with Montgomery County Virginia for a new animal shelter facility.

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

The Rest of Our Team:

- MacConel & Dodd CPA
- DeSmet Legal and Blackthorn Law Group
- EagleBank Banking needs

Click [here](#) to see a comprehensive list of Belstar's 2014 project wins at www.Belstar.com

Charitable Donations

Compassion – For Benefit of Rose-Carline Petit-Frere
 National MS Society – Bike MS
 Oaklawn Hospital – In Memory of Bill A. DeSmet, Sr.
 Washington Architectural Foundation – 2014 Fall Design Fete

Promotions & Recognitions

- Belstar was nominated for a Top 2014 Minority Business Enterprise award.
- Bernardo Hernandez is currently working as a Senior Paving Inspector as part of the McDonough Bolyard Peck, Inc. VDOT Salem Construction Inspection Services District team.
- Andrew Aughenbaugh has joined Belstar's DC Water Division D & I prime team as an Office Engineer.

Mentor Protégé Spotlight

- Congratulations to [Belcher Consultants, Inc.](#) and [Cedar EMC, Inc.](#) on their eighth anniversaries this October.
- Congratulations to [Belcher Assessments and Project Controls](#), [Holland Home Improvement](#), [James Young FF](#), [Jarrett Contracting](#), and [Millennium Associates](#) on their sixth anniversaries this year.
- Congratulations to [Belstar Cost Estimating, LLC \(BCE\)](#) and [M.A. + Associates, LLC](#) on their seventh anniversaries in 2014.

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

The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête

Belstar is a sponsor of The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête, which will be held November 14, at Union Station's East Hall. This event celebrates the contributions of several 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 and awards program, and a dessert buffet.

This year's honorees include Suman Sorg, FAIA, Allen Y. Lew, City Administrator of the District of Columbia, Susan Piedmont-Palladino, Professor and Curator, and Ryan McEnroe, AIA, ASLA. Along with celebrating the contributions of 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 to support this noble cause, please email Joe Sacco, AIA who will coordinate your donation that will go to: Mary Fitch WAF 421 7th Street, NW Washington DC 20004.

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.

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.

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

The ACE Mentor Program of Washington, DC held its annual Scholarship Awards Breakfast on Friday, May 9, 2014. 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, Ian Sando. Ian won the scholarship sponsored by Belstar and is currently majoring in Engineering.

Thanks to all those who have contributed in some way to make this program a 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](#).