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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)

## Special Announcements

Happy Holidays to all of Belstar's clients, teaming partners, and colleagues. Thank you for your support throughout 2014! On behalf of everyone at Belstar, best wishes and continued success in 2015.

A belated Happy Veteran's Day to all of our Nation's Military Heroes across the country!

### Belstar Team Members of the Year

Belstar would like to congratulate Allan Luai, who has been named the 2014 Belstar Team Member of the Year.

## The Holiday Season

The term "holiday season" was first referred to as the "Christmas season." "Christmas season" was once considered a term synonymous with Christmastide, a term derived from Yuletide. Running from December 25 (Christmas Day) to January 6 (Epiphany), Yuletide is more commonly known as the 12 Days of Christmas. However, as the economic impact of Christmas grew in America and Europe, the term "Christmas season" became synonymous instead with the traditional Christian Advent season, the period observed in Western Christianity from the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day until Christmas Day itself. In recent years, the holiday season has gotten longer and longer. In 2014, the first holiday commercials appeared on television starting in September.

Whether you started celebrating in September, or are waiting to celebrate by ringing in 2015, Belstar wishes you a safe and peaceful holiday season.

## Project Wins

- The City of Virginia Beach has awarded Waller, Todd & Sadler Architects the contract for the design of major renovations and additions to the Virginia Aquarium Owls Creek Marsh Pavilion. Belstar is a member of the Waller, Todd & Sadler Architects team.
- The Maryland Department of Transportation and Maryland Airport Authority Aviation Administration, who own and manage Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall and Martin State Airports, have awarded a comprehensive pavement management program contract to AECOM. Belstar is a member of the AECOM team.
- Thompson + Litton was awarded a General Engineering Term Contract with the Roanoke Regional Airport Commission. Belstar is a member of the Thompson + Litton team.

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

- 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

## Charitable Donations

Central Union Mission - Special Year End Contribution  
 Compassion - For Benefit of Rose-Carline Petit-Frere  
 Cornerstones - Special Year End Contribution  
 Daily Bread - Special Year End Contribution  
 Darryl Horne Memorial Fund - Darryl Horne / Jerome Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund  
 For Kids, Inc. - Special Year End Contribution  
 Grace Network – Special Year End Contribution  
 Helping Up Mission, Inc. – Special Year End Contribution  
 So Others Might Eat (SOME) - Special Year End Contribution  
 VTCA - James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund

## Promotions & Recognitions

- Belstar was named one of the top 100 MBE firms of 2014.
- Congratulations to Eagle Bank President, Tom Murphy, on his retirement.
- A special congratulations to Elena Sarychev on her two year anniversary as a member of Belstar's onsite AECOM-Parsons (JV) Department of Defense team.

## Mentor Protégé Spotlight

- Congratulations to [Belcher Consultants, Inc.](#) and [Cedar EMC, Inc.](#) on their eighth anniversaries this past October.
- Congratulations to [Belcher Assessments and Project Controls](#), [Holland Home Improvement](#), [James Young FF](#), [Jarrett Contracting](#), and [Millennium Associates](#) on their sixth anniversaries in 2014.
- 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!

## 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!

## The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête

Belstar is a sponsor of The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête, which was 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 make 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.

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- Be sure to visit [www.Belstar.com](http://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](#).