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## Why Choose Belstar

- Core Values  
Trust - Faith In Others

## Special Announcements

Belstar wishes to convey a special thank you to the entire Belstar team, in-house, consultants, teaming partners and friends. Thank you for making 2016 another year working together with good tidings and cheer!

Happy Belated Veteran's Day to our military heroes across the country.

### Belstar Team Member of the Year

Belstar would like to congratulate Cindy Clymore and Carolyn Jarrells, who have been named the 2016 Belstar Team Members of the Year.

## The Holiday Season

It is during this time of year that we hope you take a moment to not only stop and enjoy the festivities, but also consider where traditions in society, and within your company and family, originated. For instance, why are evergreen fir trees used to celebrate the Christmas holiday? History tells us that this type of tree has actually been used to celebrate winter festivals, both pagan and Christian, for thousands of years. Branches from the trees were used to decorate homes during the winter solstice, reminding people of the spring to come. It has been said that Christians starting using the tree as a sign of everlasting life with God. The first person documented as bringing a tree into a house, as it is commonly done today, is the 16th century German preacher, Martin Luther. As the story goes, one night before the Christmas holiday he was walking through a forest. When he looked up, the stars were shining through the tree branches in such a beautiful way that he said it reminded him of Jesus, who left the stars of heaven to come to earth at Christmas.

Whether you're starting new traditions together, or simply enjoying time with co-workers, friends and family, Belstar wishes you a safe and peaceful holiday season.

## Project Wins

- Amtrak issued Belstar six task orders for commissioning services under the Nationwide Commissioning on-call services contract in fiscal year 2016.
- The Clean Water Partnership has awarded Belstar a contract to provide cost estimating services on their Prince George's County's Clean Water program.
- Belstar, as a member of the ATCS, p.l.c. team, was awarded a contract to provide project management services for the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority.
- Belstar, as part of the McDonough Bolyard Peck, Inc. (MBP) team, was selected for a new two-year contract (with a possibility of two one year

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
- Hertbach & Company, P.A.
- MacConel & Dodd CPA

extensions) for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Northern Virginia (NOVA) Permits and Street Acceptance Services Term project.

Click [here](#) to see a comprehensive list of Belstar's 2016 project wins at [www.Belstar.com](http://www.Belstar.com)

## Charitable Donations

Cornerstones – Reston, VA  
For Kids – Norfolk, VA  
Daily Bread – Lynchburg, VA  
Grace Network – Martinsville, VA  
Helping Up Mission – Baltimore, MD  
So Others Might Eat (SOME) – Washington, DC  
Central Union Mission – Washington, DC

## Promotions & Recognitions

Belstar would like to congratulate Elena Sarychev MBA, PMP and Keith Belcher EIT, PMP who were both recently promoted to Principal. Elena has been with Belstar for over 10 years and is Belstar's Senior Project Manager on two large projects. Keith Belcher has worked with Belstar in a part time or full time capacity for 20 years. Belstar wishes them continued success!

Belstar would also like to welcome Ms. Jackie Dardas to the MBP VDOT NOVA Permits team.

## The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête

Belstar was a sponsor of the fourth annual Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête, which was 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 make a difference in the local Washington community.

For more information or to make a sponsorship gift, please contact Mary Fitch at [mfitch@aiadc.com](mailto:mfitch@aiadc.com) or 202-347-9403.

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.

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. Welch

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.

## Mentor Protégé Spotlight

- Congratulations to **Belcher Consultants, Inc.** and **Cedar EMC, Inc.** on their tenth anniversaries this past 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 in 2016.

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

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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**.

