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## Special Announcements

Belstar would like to acknowledge National Mentoring Month (January), African American History Month (February), and Women's History Month (March):

### National Mentoring Month

Inaugurated in 2002, National Mentoring Month is celebrated in January. It is a campaign that promotes youth mentoring and is spearheaded by the Harvard School of Public Health, MENTOR, and the Corporation for National and Community Service. Mentoring connects a young person to a valid avenue for personal growth and development. It also allows them social and economic opportunities that they might not otherwise have. Research confirms that a quality mentoring relationship can have powerful personal, academic, and professional positive effects on a young person. Most importantly, it shows young people that there is someone who cares about them and their day-to-day challenges.

Belstar offers formal and informal mentoring of firms, as well as internship opportunities. Mentoring is a very large part of how Belstar gives back to the community.

Click [here](#) for more information about National Mentoring month, as well as [resources](#) and ways to get involved.

### African American History Month

African American History Month has been celebrated since 1925, when it was first conceived and announced by Harvard-trained historian, Carter G. Woodson. It is celebrated during the month of February since the first events of the celebration took place in February, during a week that encompassed the birthdays of both Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

More recently, on September 24, 2016, the National Museum of African American History and Culture opened in Washington, D.C. The 19<sup>th</sup> and newest museum of the Smithsonian Institution, it is the only national museum devoted exclusively to the documentation of African American life, history, and culture. It was established following an Act of Congress in 2003, and decades of effort.

It is during this time that we'd like to acknowledge and pay tribute to the vision and founder of Belstar, Inc., Daniel Joseph Belcher, Sr. A successful author and graduate of the Agricultural and Technical State University in North Carolina, Mr. Belcher founded Belstar in 1985. If you would like more information about Mr. Belcher's book, [My Catching Ups](#), please contact Cindy Clymore at (703) 645-0280 extension 320.

Click [here](#) for more information on African American History Month and [here](#) to explore the National Museum of African American History.

## 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
- 33 Year Record of Performance
- Fees average 20% for combined Office / 15% for Field Below similar-sized firms

## The Rest of Our Team:

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

## Women's History Month

Women's History was first celebrated as far back as 1911 and was called "International Women's Day." Since then, the celebration grew into Women's History Week, and by 1987, Congress designated the month of March as Women's History Month.

This year, the theme is, "Nevertheless She Persisted." Fighting all forms of discrimination takes persistence. Click [here](#) to see the National Women's History Project's 2018 Honorees and the ways each woman was told to stop, yet continued to fight and succeed, ultimately bringing positive change to the lives of others.

During this time, let us celebrate and honor the activists and trailblazers that are pushing our nation toward equality, liberation and acceptance of women's rights. Click [here](#) for more information about Women's History Month, including resources, [images](#), [articles](#) and [essays](#) and events.

## Project Wins

Belstar has been awarded an additional Amtrak commissioning services task order project in the state of Florida.

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Belstar has been awarded an additional Amtrak commissioning services task order project in the commonwealth of Virginia.

Belstar, as part of the Marks, Thomas Architects team, will be a part of the Maryland MSA Baltimore County Public Schools Lockerman Bundy Elementary School project.

The District Department of Transportation awarded Belstar its third, consecutive A-E Schedule contract to provide Agency Construction Management Services.

Click [here](#) to see a comprehensive list of Belstar's 2017 & 2018 project wins at [www.Belstar.com](http://www.Belstar.com)

## Charitable Donations

ACE Mentor Program - Daniel J Belcher, Sr. and James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship  
College Orientation Workshop, Inc.- VMI General Donation  
Compassion - For Benefit of Rose-Carlina Petit-Frere  
Transportation DBE Advisory Committee - Silver Level Sponsor

## 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 hand-on industry-related activities and construction site tours, encouraging them to consider careers in architecture, construction and engineering.

Please mark your calendars for the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual ACE DC Scholarship Awards Breakfast:

**When:**

Wednesday, May 2, 2018 from 7:30 AM to 10:00 AM EDT

**Add to Calendar**

**Where:**

Mayflower Hotel  
1127 Connecticut Ave NW  
Washington, DC 20036

**Register Now!**

**Sponsorship and Ticket Details**

**\$10,000 Penthouse:** provides two breakfast tables for ten, prominent event signage, recognition of scholarship award, special mention in program, and year long recognition on ACE DC's website and publications.

**\$5,000 Top Floor:** provides one breakfast table for ten, prominent event signage, recognition of scholarship award, special mention in program, and year long recognition on ACE DC's website and publications.

**\$3,000 Lobby:** provides one breakfast table for ten, medium event signage, recognition of scholarship award, special mention in the program, and year long recognition on ACE DC's website and publications.

**\$2000 Breakfast table:** provides breakfast table for ten, with access to full breakfast; company name on signage at event and in publications.

**\$1000 Coffee Station:** provides 2 tickets to scholarship breakfast, company name on signage at event and in publications

\$200 Individual Ticket

To sponsor the event, email: [washingtondc@acementor.org](mailto:washingtondc@acementor.org)

The ACE Mentor Program of Washington, DC held its 17th Annual ACE DC Scholarship Awards Breakfast on Friday, May 5, 2017. The breakfast was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Willard Intercontinental Hotel in Washington, DC. Belstar would like to congratulate Mr. Everett Clay, who will be pursuing a Computer Information major, who won the scholarship sponsored by Belstar, known as the Daniel J. Belcher, Sr. and James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship.



Daniel J. Belcher, Sr. and James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship  
2017 Recipient, Mr. Everett Clay and Belstar's Ms. Gina Welch

Please consider making a donation to this very worthy organization. Many young people's lives will be changed by your contributions.

## The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête

Please mark your calendars for the 2018 Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête, which will take place on November 16, 2018 at the National Cathedral. Belstar was a sponsor of the sixth annual Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête, which was Friday, November 17, 2017 at Anthem at the Wharf in Southwest Washington, DC. It was a black-tie event that included a cocktail reception, a seated dinner, and an awards program.

The 2017 honorees included:

**Hal Davis, FAIA** - Centennial Medal winner for distinguished service to the chapter, community and profession

**Elinor Bacon, Bacon Development** – Winner of the Glenn Brown Award for improving the quality of life in DC and raising awareness of architecture and its benefits to society

**Leah Ijjas, AIA** -Winner of the Emerging Architects Award

**Joanna Schmickel, AIA** – Winner of the John "Wieb" Wiebenson Award for Architecture in the Public Interest



Belstar's Keith Belcher (left)  
Ms. Leah Lijas, AIA - Winner of the Emerging Architects Award (center)  
Mr. Nathaniel (Nat) Belcher (right)

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 learn about how buildings work, or assisting a local nonprofit with a well-designed space, or collecting more than 300 tons of canned goods for the Capital Area Food Bank through CANstruction; the Foundation makes a significant impact in the 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.

## Mentor Protégé Spotlight

- Congratulations to **Belcher Consultants, Inc.** and **Cedar EMC, Inc.** on their eleventh 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 Institute of Constructions (MIC)** on their upcoming eleventh anniversaries.

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](#).