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## Special Announcements

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

### Military Appreciation Month

Please join Belstar in honoring the service and sacrifice of members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Marines and National Guard, as well as their spouses and families. Although Memorial Day gives us a chance to pause and be grateful for all that has been given for our freedom, the entire month of May was National Military Appreciation Month, including other military anniversaries and events such as Military Spouse Appreciation Day and Armed Forces Day. Designated by Congress in 1999, Military Appreciation Month ensures the nation is given an opportunity to publicly demonstrate appreciation for all that has been given by our past and present service members.

Click [here](#) for more information about Military Appreciation Month.

### Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Also celebrated in May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AIAHM). Celebrating the history, traditions and culture of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, AIAHM began as a House resolution in 1977, and was signed into law in 1992. With May 7, 1843 being the commemoration of the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States, and May 10, 1869 marking the completion of the transcontinental railroad, with the majority of the tracks laid by Chinese immigrants, May is an ideal time to celebrate the great and significant contributions Asian American and Pacific Islanders have made to our society.

For more information about the variety of events and programs honoring AIAHM, click [here](#).

### Women's Health Week

May 13-19, 2018 was National Women's Health Week. Serving as a reminder for women to make their health a priority and to create positive habits for life, the week began on Mother's Day, May 13, and was celebrated through May 19, 2018. Led by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health, this annual celebration is meant to encourage all women to be as healthy as possible. Click [here](#) for steps that can be taken toward better health and for more information about National Women's Health Week.

### SOME, Inc.

SOME (So Others Might Eat) meets the daily needs of the poor and homeless of Washington, DC by offering food, clothing, and health care. This community-based, interfaith organization breaks the cycle of homelessness by also offering job training, addiction treatment, counseling, and affordable housing. Each day,

## 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

SOME is restoring hope and dignity to people in our nation's capital.

The hot, humid summers present a very real danger of dehydration to our homeless population. We hope you will consider donating to this worthwhile organization to help the homeless stay safe in the heat this summer.

[DONATE NOW!](#)

## Project Wins

Belstar, as a sub to the EPC Consultants, Inc. team, will be providing project management and construction management inspection services on the District of Columbia Water Division J project.

Belstar has been awarded additional Amtrak commissioning services task order projects in Colorado, Florida, Montana, North Dakota, Oregon and Pennsylvania.

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

## Promotions and Recognitions

Belstar would like to welcome Mohamedazeem Eldwo who is joining the District Department of Transportation Minnesota Avenue Revitalization phase two project team as a project inspector.

Congratulations to Alan Trask and Yama Ebrahimi, who are both starting new assignments on the EPC-led District of Columbia Water Division J project.

## Charitable Donations

Bike MS  
War on ALS  
Compassion for the Benefit of Rose-Carline Petit-Frere

## 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 18th Annual ACE DC Scholarship Awards Breakfast on Wednesday, May 2, 2018. The breakfast was held in the Grand Ballroom of the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC. In attendance for Belstar were Ms. Gina Welc and Ms. Cindy Clymore.

Opening comments were given by Mr. Paul Choquette, III, Board President, followed by an update from ACE National's, Ms. Diana Eidenshink, Executive Director. Following this update, the Keynote Speaker, Mr. John E. "Chip" Akridge, III, was introduced.



Mr. Paul Choquette, III, Board President

Mr. Akridge, the Founder and Chairman of the commercial real estate firm bearing his name, is an innovator in the industry, a committed advocate of community initiatives in the Washington, DC region, and a dedicated supporter of philanthropic and charitable organizations.

Since his firm's founding in 1974, Akridge has acquired and developed more than 18 million square feet of office, industrial, residential, retail, and entertainment space in the metro area. He is also founder and chairman of the National Mall, a non-profit created to assist the National Park Service to restore and improve The National Mall. To learn more about Mr. Akridge, please visit <http://www.akridge.com/who-we-are#JohnAkridge>

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 Mr. Mongi Benzineb, pursuing an Mechanical Engineering major who won the scholarship sponsored by Belstar, known as the Daniel J. Belcher, Sr. and James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship.



Mongi Benzineb – Winner of the Daniel J. Belcher, Sr. and James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship and Belstar's Gina Welch

One of the highlights of the program was listening to Ms. Diani Maxwell, who was a past recipient of the ACE scholarship, describe how this mentoring program has helped her in college and will continue to help her in pursuing her dream to one day own her own company.

Belstar would like to take this opportunity to thank our clients that did contribute to this worthy cause and for those that were present at the breakfast! 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!



Gina Welc (Belstar), Cindy Clymore (Belstar)  
Joe Sacco (AECOM/Parsons), and Jasmine Chalashtori (Rees Broome, PC)

Please consider making a donation to this very worthy organization. Many young people's lives will be changed by your contributions. If you would like to donate, please text 'DONATE2ACE' to 313131; if you would like to find out more about becoming a mentor text 'ACEDC' to 313131. Or, click [here](#) to make a general donation to the program, or for more information.

## 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](#).