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## Why Choose Belstar

- Core Values
  - Trust - Faith In Others
  - Shared Values - Common Goals
  - Effective Communication - Good Listeners
  - Humble Leadership - Shared Spotlight

## 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 2018 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 Yama Ebrahimi and Alan Trask, who have been named the 2018 Belstar Team Members of the Year.

## The Holiday Season

There are many different definitions of the "Holiday Season" in the United States. Some say it begins with the day after Thanksgiving, ending on New Year's Day. Others say the season begins December 1, and continues until after Epiphany on January 7. Some say it does not begin until December 6, Saint Nicholas Day, when the feast celebrating Saint Nicholas, the saint whose legendary habit of secret gift-giving is the basis of Santa Claus, is held, and ends on New Year's Day.

In China, the Holiday Season is said to begin with the winter solstice, between December 20 through December 23, and last until the Lantern Festival, to be held on February 19, 2019. In the UK and Ireland, Holiday Season-themed food appears on supermarkets shelves as early as August or September, while the shopping season officially starts in November, when the Barry High Street Christmas shopping event begins with the area's lights turning on.

No matter when you start and stop celebrating, or what it is you are celebrating, Belstar wishes you and your family a safe and happy holiday season. We hope that you can take a moment to stop and enjoy the festivities and truly enjoy all the blessings in your life.

## Project Wins

Parsons, who has been the Project Manager at Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI) for more than 40 years, invited Belstar to join their project management support on-call team.

Belstar is as part of the Transportation Operation and Management, LLC team, which has been notified by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) of its intent to award the Lot #2 Mountain Tunnels project to the team.

During the 4th quarter of 2018, Amtrak has awarded Belstar a new commissioning task order in Illinois.

Belstar, as a part of the RRMM Lukmire Architects team, has been selected for the Maryland Stadium Authority and Baltimore City Public School's Robert E.

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
- Rees Broome, PC
- EagleBank Banking needs
- Hertzbach & Company, P.A.
- MacConel & Dodd CPA

Coleman Elementary School modernization project.

Belstar, as a member of the Thompson + Litton team, has been selected by the Roanoke Regional Airport Authority for a renewal option year to the contract.

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

Congratulations to Yama Ebrahimi on starting his new assignment on Belstar's five-year DC Water Division project.

Everyone on the DC Water Division D and I project teams received a Belstar certificate of appreciation, and silver eagle from the US Mint.

## Charitable Donations

Central Union Mission – Year End Contribution  
Compassion – For Benefit of Rose-Carlina Petit-Frere  
Cornerstones – Year End Contribution  
Daily Bread – Year End Contribution  
For Kids, Inc. – Year End Contribution  
Grace Network – Year End Contribution  
Helping Up Mission, Inc. – Year End Contribution  
Keystone Baptist Church – Year End Contribution  
So Others Might Eat (SOME) – Year End Contribution  
VTCA – James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

## The Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête

Belstar was a sponsor of the 2018 Washington Architectural Foundation's Fall Design Fête, which was Friday, November 16, 2018 at the Washington National Cathedral. It was a black-tie event that included a cocktail reception, a seated dinner, and an awards program.

The event celebrated individuals who make Washington better through their contributions as designers, advocates, and clients. Attendees learned about the work of this year's Centennial Medal winner for distinguished service to the chapter, community and profession - **Mary Katherine Lanzillotta, FAIA**; the winner of the Glenn Brown Award for improving the quality of life in DC and raising awareness of architecture and its benefits to society - **Tommy Wells, Director, DC Department of Energy and Environment**; meet the rising star who has won the Emerging Architects Award - **Nakita Reed, AIA**; and the winner for the John "Wieb" Wiebenson Award for Architecture in the Public Interest - **Greg Kearley, AIA**.

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.

## 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. 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



Mr. Paul Choquette, III, Board President



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

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

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!

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.



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

## Mentor Protégé Spotlight

- Congratulations to **Belcher Consultants, Inc.** and **Cedar EMC, Inc.** on their twelfth 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 eleventh anniversaries.

Congratulations to all 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](#).