Welcome to the Spring/Summer issue of Partners in Quality!

We would like to thank all of you who made the 23rd annual Maryland Quality Initiative (MdQI) Conference held on February 3rd and 4th, 2016 at the Baltimore Convention Center, a huge success. The two-day event featured keynote speakers, technical session presentations and an interactive vendor exhibit with the vendor theme “To Infinity and Beyond: The Future of Transportation”.

With nearly one thousand representatives of the federal, state and local agencies, as well as contractors and material suppliers, and the consultant engineering community, we were able to discuss and address the future of quality transportation systems and many of the pertinent issues facing the transportation industry in Maryland.

The Conference also drew a record 85 vendors whose creativity in their displays provided flavor and encouragement to expand our thinking on the vendor theme. Throughout each day, conference attendees were excited as they took a tour of the various vendor exhibits and engaged in networking among peers. We would like to thank all sponsors and vendors for their continuous support of MdQI in making this one of the largest transportation quality conferences in the nation.

We continue to have the support of the leaders of our sponsoring agencies including Greg Murrill, FHWA Division Administrator, MDOT Secretary Pete Rahn, and many of our MDOT Transportation Business Unit Leaders including Greg Johnson, SHA Administrator, Paul Comfort, MTA Administrator, Ricky Smith, MAA CEO, Milt Chaffee, MDTA Executive Director and Frank Murphy, representing Baltimore City DOT. Their dedication to quality has allowed MdQI to continue to grow and serve our customers, the citizens of Maryland.

We are pleased that the attendees of the 2016 MdQI conference had the opportunity to attend the many technical sessions with a wide variety of topics. Participants examined changes in the way we design and construct transportation projects, the infusion of technology into our cars, roads and devices, and planning, design and construction of practical, safe, sustainable and integrated transportation systems. A comprehensive summary of the conference is provided beginning on Page 3.
Chairman’s Letter (Continued)

Planning for the 2017 MdQI Conference has already begun. The remainder of 2016 will involve the continued examination of our current processes and how we may improve project delivery. Many initiatives and issues facing our industry are being examined by a variety of industry teams including:

- E-Construction Piloting and Implementation
- Continued implementation of Practical Design and assessment of effectiveness.
- Procurement of A/E Contracts
- Construction Duration
- Community Engagement
- Statewide Safety Initiatives
- Establishment of a State Transportation Innovative Council (STIC)
- Major Transit Projects, including the Purple Line and Baltimore LINK

If you have any suggestions or comments for the upcoming 2017 MdQI Conference, please contact the Conference Sub-Committee Co-Chair, Ray Moravec at rmoravec@wallacemontgomery.com. Please keep an eye out for updates throughout the year in future newsletters and on our website: www.mdqi.org.

In conclusion, we would like to thank and acknowledge the dedication of all the transportation stakeholders, partners and sponsors for making MdQI the biggest transportation industry event in Maryland a huge success. We appreciate the efforts and commitments made by you to invest in the quality of our industry, and we look forward to your attendance at next year’s Conference.

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MdQI Co-Chairman,
SHA Deputy Administrator/Chief Engineer for Operations

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MdQI Co-Chairman,
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Industry News & Upcoming Events

Upcoming MdQI Events:

MdQI Conference 2017
Save the date for the 2017 MdQI Conference to be held on January 25th and 26th, 2017 at the Baltimore Convention Center. Please save this date and check the MdQI website (www.mdqi.org) for additional information coming soon.

Upcoming Industry Events:

MD Construction & Materials Annual Conference
Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort, Cambridge, MD
June 22-24, 2016
Please visit www.MarylandConcrete.com for more information.

MTBMA’S Golf Outing & Sporting Clay Shoot

- Golf Tournament - Queenstown Harbor Golf Course
  11:30 Registration/12:00 PM Lunch/ 1:00 PM Shotgun Start
- Sporting Clay Shoot - The Point at Pintail
  1:00 PM Registration/ 1:30 PM Lunch/ 2:30 PM Start
Queenstown, MD
September 20, 2016
Please visit www.mtbma.org for more information.

MTBMA Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet
The Hotel at Arundel Preserve, Hanover, MD
December 8, 2016
Please visit www.mtbma.org for more information.

ACEC/MD 28th Annual Convention
June 22-25, 2016
Please visit www.acecmd.org for more information.
The 23rd Annual MdQI Conference: Another Success

The 23rd annual Maryland Quality Initiatives (MdQI) Conference, held on February 3rd and 4th 2016 at the Baltimore Convention Center, brought together local, state and federal agencies, as well as the consultant engineering community, contractors and suppliers to discuss pertinent issues facing the transportation industry and how we may build on our future quality transportation systems. The two-day event featured keynote speakers, technical session presentations and interactive vendor exhibits with the theme “To Infinity and Beyond: The Future of Transportation”. The conference highlighted MDOT’s outlook on the future of transportation in Maryland.

This year’s conference got off to great start with a record number of people in attendance. A total of 999 people attended, which included 842 for the full conference and 157 for the MdQI Awards Banquet only. Also in attendance were 85 vendors who showcased creativity in their displays and giveaways. The vendor booths provided attendees with an interactive exhibit area and great networking opportunities.

Day One of this year’s conference began with the well-attended “Ethics Training” and the “Professional and Personal Goal-Setting for Success” sessions. Engineers turned out in large numbers to take advantage of the opportunity provided by these sessions to fulfill the professional engineer’s licensing requirement for training in professional engineering ethics.

As a part of the lunch-time activities, Dave Coyne, SHA’s Deputy Administrator/Chief Engineer for Operations and MdQI Co-Chair gave a welcome address and overview of the technical sessions. Lunch-time activities also included a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Awards presentation by Greg Murrill, Division Administrator, to honor those who were involved in the planning, design, and construction of outstanding SHA projects throughout the state. After the FHWA awards presentations, attendees proceeded to the vendor exhibit area to interact and view vendor displays. As usual, this offered attendees a great networking opportunity.

Thereafter, the conference continued in the tradition of previous years with a variety of technical sessions and interactive activities. The technical sessions included presentations on the following topics:

- New Technology in Asphalt Pavement (PaveXpress + FORTAfied Asphalt)
- Meet The Moguls: What’s New in SHA project development?
- Connected & Automated Vehicles – What is the impact on our industry?
- 25 Years of Partnering
Day One of the Conference closed with a reception and the keenly contested Annual Pinewood Derby and new Engineering Challenge. For the first time, the Crane Building Competition was added to replace the Bridge Building Competition as a new challenge for our engineers and contractors.

Day Two covered a broad range of activities which included updates from the Transportation Business Units’ (TBU) leadership for SHA, MTA, MDTA, and MAA, along with the Baltimore City Department of Transportation. Each organization’s leader highlighted current and future trends and projects in their various units and challenges that they face. It was obvious from their presentations that effective collaboration of all modes of transportation are required to successfully deliver Maryland’s program.

During lunch, the Steering Committee Co-Chair, Dan Cheng, Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson’s (JMT) Executive Vice President, presented an overview of MdQI, while comedy speaker, Brian Blasko provided “Cruisin’ Through Life At 35MPH: Strategies to Keep Your Internal Engine Running Smoothly.”

The winners of the Annual Pinewood Derby Race, the Crane Building Engineering Challenge and the Vendor Booth Contest were announced during the luncheon. Congratulations to:

- Gillespie Precast, LLC: Their team went undefeated to win the Pinewood Derby Race for the Rose Cup.
- Maryland State Highway Administration- Bridge: Showed great innovation demolishing the other 8 crane building competitors in record time.
- Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, Inc.: Demonstrated that the “JMT Teleporter” may be the mode of transportation in the future and won the Vendor Booth contest.

On the evening of Day Two, we were privileged to hear from our Transportation Secretary, Pete Rahn. He delivered an address highlighting the state of transportation in Maryland. The 23rd annual conference concluded with a successful awards banquet which included the Maryland Quality Initiative Awards of Excellence Ceremony. The Awards of Excellence were presented to transportation projects completed in 2015.
Pinewood Derby Race

The 2016 MdQI Pinewood Derby Race for the Rose Cup was a great success. This year’s race featured a field of 16 participants, including several new competitors like Ecotone and Gillespie. Many races were tight and several came down to photo finishes. Through the tough battles, it was the new-kid-on-the-block Gillespie going nearly undefeated in all races to win the Rose Cup championship over runner up AECOM. And with a vastly improved car this year, DFI finished third. Last, but not least, the innovative, if fragile, McCormick Taylor car took home the Tabacek Cup for Best in Show.

Thanks again to all the participants, race facilitators, and fans for making 2016 an exciting and memorable race for the Rose Cup!

Overall the results were:

1st Place - Gillespie Precast, LLC

2nd Place - AECOM

3rd Place - DFI

Tabacek Cup for Best In Show - McCormick Taylor

Special recognition went to Jo Ellen Sines, Vice President for Project Development for Corman Construction Inc. She was presented with the Pierce J. Flanigan III Award for outstanding leadership in the transportation industry. Congratulations to all award recipients. A complete list of the award recipients may be found in this newsletter and at the MdQI website (www.MdQI.org).

We want to thank all the MdQI committee members, attendees, vendors, Baltimore Convention Center staff, and volunteers throughout the year for another successful MdQI Conference.

Planning for the 2017 MdQI Conference has already begun. If you have any suggestions or comments regarding the upcoming 2017 MdQI Conference, please contact the Conference Sub-Committee Co-Chair, Ray Moravec at rmoravec@wallacemontgomery.com. Updates can be found throughout the year in future newsletters and on our website: www.mdqi.org.

Thank you again to all the transportation stakeholders, particularly the MdQI sponsors for making the biggest transportation industry event in Maryland a huge success. We look forward to seeing you again at next year’s conference.
Crane Competition

The 2016 MDQI Conference Engineering Challenge required contestants to build a crane out of unlimited McDonalds drinking straws, a pizza box, 6 empty thread spools, unlimited fishing line, a wire coat hanger, 2 wooden dowels and glue. The mission was to pick up a load from one side of a one foot high wall and set it down in a prescribed location on the other side of the wall. All movement had to be accomplished using a series of cranks. At its core the MDQI Engineering Challenge encourages combining innovative thinking with craftsmanship and provides an audience friendly program at the end of Day 1.

Nine cranes from 9 firms (Century Engineering, EJCo, Hardesty & Hanover, Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson, KCI, Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, SHA – Bridge, Wallace Montgomery, and Whitman Requardt) were brought to the competition. Each team gave a brief overview of how their crane was intended to operate prior to testing.

The contest got underway after the audience was informed of the scoring criteria. The testing started with a qualifying phase in which the three fastest cranes were identified by moving the load from one side of the wall to the other. These three fast cranes then went into the second phase where they had to move the load three times under a running clock. Fastest time in phase 2 would be the winner (See table).

The result of the contest was that SHA - Bridge built the fastest crane. They were awarded an inscribed commemorative trophy during the Day 2 luncheon to recognize their accomplishment.

We learned two things from this competition: 1. Having contestants give a brief overview of how their crane was intended to operate to a large group in a social atmosphere was not beneficial to anyone and 2. An unconventional solution to a familiar problem can often produce superior results. MDQI recognizes the value of friendly competition and will strive to create new and exciting challenges that attract a larger pool of contestants. The contest organizers would like to thank all of the contestants who took the time to put together a crane for the contest. We recognize that there is a substantial effort associated with the Engineering Challenge and commend you for all your effort.

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2016 MdQI Conference Awards of Excellence

MdQI Modal Award Project of the Year – Over $5M
Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BCDOT)
26th Street Emergency Repair and Wall Reconstruction
Location: Baltimore City
Owner & Construction Manager: BCDOT
Prime Contractor: Concrete General, Inc. – Gaithersburg, MD
Project Manager & Design Firm: Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP – Baltimore, MD
Project Cost: $13.5 Million

MdQI Modal Award Project Of The Year - Under $5M
County Engineers’ Association of Maryland
Mulligans Hill Lane Retaining Wall Replacement
Location: Ellicott City, Howard County
Owner: Howard County
Prime Contractor: Kinsley Construction, Inc. – Timonium, MD
Design Firm: Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP – Baltimore, MD
Project Cost: $1.1 Million

Transportation Planning
BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport Terminal E- F/ATCT Planning Study
Location: BWI Marshall Airport, Anne Arundel County
Owner: MDOT-Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA)
Program Manager: JMT – Sparks, MD
Design Firm: AECOM – Baltimore, MD
Project Cost: $75,000.00

MBE/WBE
BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport Runway 15R-33L RSA, Pavement Rehabilitation and Standards Compliance
Location: BWI Marshall Airport, Anne Arundel County
Owner: MDOT-Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA)
MBE Design Firm: Airport Design Consultants, Inc. (ADCI) – Columbia, MD
Project Cost: $81.4 Million

Green/Sustainability/Environmental
Upper Little Patuxent River Stream Restoration
Location: Howard County
Owner: MDOT-State Highway Administration (SHA)
Prime Contractor: Ecotone, Inc. – Forest Hill, MD
Design Firm: JMT – Sparks, MD
Project Cost: $1.6 Million
**Project Team Partnering, Construction – Gold**
**I-95 / Contee Road Interchange**  
Location: Laurel, Prince George’s County  
Owner: MDOT-SHA  
Prime Contractor: Allan Myers, Inc. – Jessup, MD  
Design Firm: Wallace Montgomery – Cockeysville, MD  
Project Cost: $30.7 Million

**Project Team Partnering, Construction – Silver**  
**Rehabilitation of MD 51 Bridge over CSX & Canal Parkway and I-68 Bridge over Wills Creek, CSX Railroad and Municipal Streets**  
Location: Cumberland, Allegany County  
Owner: MDOT-SHA  
Prime Contractor: Titan Industrial Services, Inc. – Dundalk, MD  
Design Firm: SHA Office of Structures  
Project Cost: $13.9 Million

**Project Team Partnering, Construction – Bronze**  
**Sound Barrier at US 50 / MD 410**  
Location: Landover, Montgomery County  
Owner: MDOT-SHA  
Prime Contractor: Concrete General, Inc. – Gaithersburg, MD  
Design Firm: SHA Office of Highway Development  
Project Cost: $1.5 Million

**Project Team Partnering, Non-Construction - Gold**  
**Material Testing of Asphalt, Concrete, Soils and Aggregates for MDOT-SHA**  
Location: Statewide  
Owner: MDOT-SHA  
Prime Contractor: Specialized Engineering – Hanover, MD  
Project Manager: SHA Office of Materials Technology  
Project Cost: $5.07 Million

**CEAM Modal Award – Under $5M**  
**Mulligans Hill Lane Retaining Wall Replacement**  
Location: Ellicott City, Howard County  
Owner: Howard County  
Prime Contractor: Kinsley Construction, Inc. – Timonium, MD  
Design Firm: Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP – Baltimore, MD  
Project Cost: $1.1 Million
MAA Modal Award - Under $5M
BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport Temporary International Inbound Baggage Handling Facility
Location: BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport
Owner: MDOT-MAA
Prime Contractor: Baltimore Contractors, Inc. – Glen Burnie, MD
Program Manager: Airport Design Consultants, Inc. – Columbia, MD
Construction Manager: WSP / Parsons Brinckerhoff – Baltimore, MD
Design Firm: AECOM – Baltimore City, MD
Project Cost: $3.2 Million

MTA Modal Award - Under $5M
Waldorf Park & Ride Lot
Location: Waldorf, Charles County
Owner: MDOT-MTA
Prime Contractor: Concrete General, Inc. – Gaithersburg, MD
Construction Manager: RK&K – Baltimore, MD
Design Firm: Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP – Baltimore, MD
Project Cost: $4.9 Million

SHA Modal Award - Under $5M
MD 675 from MD 363 to MD 822
Location: Princess Anne, Somerset County
Owner: MDOT-SHA
Prime Contractor: David A. Bramble, Inc. of Chestertown, MD
Design Firm: JMT of Sparks, MD
Project Cost: $3.7 Million

City of Baltimore DOT Modal Award – over $5M
26th Street Emergency Repair and Wall Reconstruction
Location: Baltimore City
Owner & Construction Manager: City of Baltimore Department of Transportation
Prime Contractor: Concrete General, Inc. – Gaithersburg, MD
Program Manager & Design Firm: Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP – Baltimore, MD
Project Cost: $13.5 Million

CEAM Modal Award - Over $5M
Eastern District Police Station
Location: Pasadena, Anne Arundel County
Owner: Anne Arundel County Police Department
Construction Manager: H & H Contractors, Inc. of Halethorpe, MD
Design Firm: Wheeler Goodman Masek of Annapolis, MD
Project Cost: $8.7 Million
MAA Modal Award - Over $5M  
BWI Thurgood Marshall Runway 15R-33L RSA, Pavement Rehabilitation and Standards Compliance  
Location: BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport, Anne Arundel County  
Prime Contractor: Allan Myers – Jessup, MD  
Program Manager: JMT – Sparks, MD  
Construction Manager: Parsons Transportation Group – Baltimore City, MD  
Design Firm: Michael Baker International – Linthicum, MD  
Project Cost: $81.4 Million

MDTA Modal Award - Over $5M  
William Preston Lane, Jr. Memorial Bridge (Bay Bridge) Rewrapping, Dehumidification and Shielding of the Main Cables and Anchorages  
Location: Anne Arundel County  
Owner: MDOT-Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA)  
Design Firm: AECOM – Baltimore, MD  
Design Firm - Structures: Ammann & Whitney – Edgewood, MD  
Prime Contractor: Kiewit – McLean, VA  
Project Cost: $43 Million

MTA Modal Award - Over $5M  
West Baltimore MARC Station Parking Expansion Project  
Location: Baltimore City  
Owner: MDOT-Maryland Transportation Authority (MTA)  
Design Firm: McCormick Taylor, Inc. – Baltimore City, MD  
Prime Contractor: P. Flanigan & Sons – Baltimore, MD  
Project Cost: $8.3 Million

SHA Modal Award - Over $5M  
I-95 / Contee Road Interchange  
Location: Laurel, Prince George’s County  
Owner: MDOT-Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA)  
Design Firm: Wallace Montgomery – Cockeysville, MD  
Prime Contractor: Allan Myers, Inc. – Jessup, MD  
Project Cost: $30.7 Million
As we judge our quality initiative efforts it may be helpful to examine the thoughts of our customers, Maryland highway users, in order to attempt to quantify our effectiveness.

Recent surveys seem to confirm that despite our efforts we still need to improve. Eighty percent of all highway users encounter an issue which warrants maintenance activities at least once per week. This encounter may be a roadway which needs its markings refreshed, its guardrail repaired, a pothole filled or a sign replaced after being damaged in an accident.

Other surveys have shown that the strongest indicator of highway user satisfaction is pavement smoothness. These same surveys suggest that repairs should be completed in off peak hours so that traffic is impacted minimally.

Regular highway maintenance such as restriping and repaving are a priority for fifty-seven percent of all highway users, and public safety is an important issue for fifty-five percent of those interviewed.

Everyone living in the Metropolitan areas of Maryland know that drivers believe that road construction, road maintenance and repairs should not be disruptive to their commute, family outing or recreational jaunt.

Customer satisfaction should always be our number two focus, just after safety. These surveys clearly show that no matter how good we believe we are, “There is always room for improvement in our industry.”

For more information on this study, please visit The Maryland Asphalt Association website. A full copy of the study report can be found at http://mdasphalt.org/2016/ensuring-drivability/.
Morgan State University “Team Nation”
is Presented Scholarship Win at MD Chapter ACI Awards Banquet

Jack Hoy, Swope & Associates holds the handmade, chrome-plated slump cone on mahogany base trophy as Henry Prenger, Lafarge Holcim announces the winning university engineering student team during the Maryland Chapter ACI Awards Banquet on April 23, 2016. Morgan State University and the University of Maryland participated in this new scholarship program, spearheaded by Jack and Henry with help from NRMCA Lab Manager, Stuart Sherman.

Each school had to organize and form a Student ACI Chapter and then they had to create at least one 5-person team who would compete for a total scholarship prize package of over $25,000. The students were informed that the awards would be based on each student’s individual and team efforts during the competition, which involved developing a three point curve and targeting a 7,000 psi cylinder sample. Morgan State participated with two teams and UMD had one team. Team Nation from Morgan State took the championship with incredible accuracy and overall team performance but every student was awarded at least one thousand dollars for their dedication and commitment during the competition.

The trophy will reside within the winning school’s showcase and subsequent winners school names will be added annually. Congratulations to all the students and to Jack and Henry for their diligence in developing the new scholarship program and for their success in delivering it to the schools.

Concrete 2016 Conference Opens
with comments from SHA Administrator, Greg Johnson

As a follow-up to the SHA Administrator making comments during the MRMCA annual meeting in December 2015, the Concrete Conference planning team was able to include him as the Key Note speaker for the 16th annual Concrete Conference. Once again, the Administrator made comments about healthy competition, contractor innovation and the proper place for both asphalt and concrete pavements in Maryland. The Concrete Conference included over a dozen other speakers on subjects about concrete applications of pavements and structures. This conference is planned for those involved with designing, building and maintaining Maryland’s roads and bridges. It’s a one-day educational forum that provides information (and professional development hours) regarding applications for Portland Cement Concrete on a variety of transportation related projects. This year’s conference included the following topics: Competition, Norfolk Midtown Tunnel Project, Specification Updates, Field Testing, BWI Pavement Selection, MD 210 Overlay Case Study, Full-Depth Recycling with Grout, Local Applications of Roller Compacted Concrete, Continuous Live Load Beams, Boyers Mill Road Bridge Case Study, Innovative Crack-free Bridge Decks, and a look at the 26th Street Emergency Repair.
On April 13, 2016 MDQI hosted students from several high schools across Anne Arundel County for the 11th annual Construction and Engineering Career Day. The event, held at the Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds, introduced students to the many different career paths in the transportation industry. During the event, students were able to interact with professionals and were able to see and have hands on experiences in the design, testing and construction areas of the industry. The event provides firsthand experience to see what transportation engineering and related careers both do and how they need to work together to deliver projects. Students were also given the chance to visit with colleges and universities offering degrees in the industry.

The annual Career Day event would not be possible without the support of many partners in MDQI and the Anne Arundel County Schools. Our thanks go to the following companies who provided the speakers for the event: MTA, JMT, RK&K, Sabra Wang, Specialized Engineering and SHA. We also thank ACI, Brawner Builders, Chaney Enterprises, Wagman Heavy Civil, Lafarge, Swope and the SHA Annapolis Shop for supplying equipment and speakers.

We also thank our industry partners who donated financially to help provide materials given to the students. Those helping us out this year were:

**Gold level sponsors:** JMT, Whitman Requardt & Associates

**Silver level sponsors:** MTBMA, Wallace Montgomery

**Bronze level sponsors:** Development Facilitators, Inc., WBCM, Lane, RJM, Gannett Fleming

We are always looking for outgoing speakers and helpers to staff our events to educate students about our industry. If you are interested in helping on the MDQI Industry Training and Recruitment Team please contact Mark Crampton who co-chairs the team. Mark can be reached at 301-624-8102, toll free at 1-800-635-5119 or by email at mcrampton@sha.state.md.us.
In 2016, the Maryland Transportation Industry Continues Celebrating 25 Years of Partnering Success

Thank you to all partners who have helped shape partnering in Maryland over the last 25 years!

That’s right! In 1991 the Partnering Process was piloted to positively and cooperatively manage the MD 450 Severn River Bridge construction project in Annapolis, Maryland. Hundreds of projects statewide have benefited since then from using the Partnering process and tools.

After 25 years of success, the MdQI Partnering Subcommittee will continue to boost participation and involvement in Partnering, and strive to grow and improve the process for Maryland’s Transportation Industry.

What is partnering?

Partnering is a process based on trust and open, honest attitudes that are developed over time affording the owner, contractor, consultant, and all other stakeholders an open environment for effective communication, expedient issue resolution and mutual project success.

How does partnering work?

The owner, contractor, and consultant assemble a team of decision makers for the purpose of facilitating combined issue resolution efforts, motivating quality progress and advancing cost effective project execution.

Why should my company choose to partner?

Partnering in our industry has many benefits including:

- Effective communications
- Team cooperation
- Team approach to problem solving
- Timely project completion
- Reductions in project claims and claim disputes
- Cost effective decision making

For more partnering information, contact:
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ACEC/MD’s Persistence Finally Pays Off

As the fiscal year draws to a close for ACEC/MD, success was realized on two important fronts.

First, the City of Baltimore’s Board of Estimates approved an increase in compensation for consultants that better reflects the current market. For non-federal work, the Engineer’s compensation rate, based on audited overhead, was increased from 135% to 150%. The Engineer’s principal’s compensation was increased from $85.00 per hour to $100.00 per hour, while the rate for professional staff will increase from $55.00 per hour to $65.00 per hour. These rates apply to contracts advertised as of April 4, 2016. This is the first adjustment in over a decade.

At the state level, the ACEC/MD initiated Duty to Defend legislation passed the Maryland General Assembly on the third try. This legislation would make clauses in contracts that require consultants, surveyors or contractors to defend or pay the costs of defending the promisee against liability for damages arising out of bodily injury to any person or damage to property caused by the sole negligence of the promisee void and unenforceable. This legislation mirrors the current law that is on the books regarding indemnification.

Through the efforts of its member firm representatives, ACEC/MD was once again able to improve the business climate for firms in the built environment.

The MdQI Mission
- “To provide the Maryland transportation industry a forum that fosters coordinated and continuous quality improvement in order to ensure safe, efficient, environmentally sensitive and sustainable systems to meet the needs of all transportation stakeholders.”

Don’t forget to visit our website at www.mdqi.org