

# COUNTY ENGINEER OF THE YEAR



**EDWARD C. ADAMS, JR., P.E.**



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Biography:

## Edward C. Adams, Jr. P.E.

Ed Adams was appointed Director of Public Works in Baltimore County in July 2000, following nearly two decades of engineering, management and administrative experience in central Maryland. A graduate of the Johns Hopkins University School of Engineering, and a member of the *Tau Beta Pi* Honor Society, his career has taken him from the construction site to the front office and has included a broad range of responsibilities in both the public and private sectors.

Before accepting his appointment in Baltimore County, Ed served as Director of Public Works for Harford County where he managed a staff of 450, providing the infrastructure needs to a growing community of 200 thousand. He came to Harford County from Baltimore County's Department of Public Works where he had risen through the ranks during thirteen years.

In Baltimore County he was Chief of the Division of Construction Contracts Administration, where he took major contracts from bid to close out. Before this administrative post, he gained experience as an Area Engineer, an Engineering Associate, a Construction Inspector and a Sediment Control Inspector. And prior to his County experience he worked as a concrete foreman for a local contractor while attending school at night.

In 2004 Ed became a director on the Board of the Northeast Maryland Waste Disposal Authority. In December 2006 he was appointed by Governor-elect O'Malley to the Transportation Transition Team. And in 2010 he was appointed a Director of the Maryland Environmental Services. He is currently a board member of the Maryland Association of Engineers and is a past president of the County Engineers Association of Maryland.

Today, as Director of Baltimore County's Department of Public Works, Ed Adams runs an organization of 976 employees providing public works infrastructure to a population of more than 800 thousand. His organizational style and guiding principle is "management based on common sense, accountability and compassion."

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