AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS (ASCE) RECOGNIZES GWINNETT VILLAGE CID DIRECTOR

Gwinnett Village Community Improvement District (CID) Executive Director, Marsha Anderson Bomar, was among three recipients to accept the 2016 William H. Wisely Civil Engineer Award. The award recognizes individuals or groups of individuals who are members of ASCE and who have made continuing efforts to promote appreciation for the history, tradition, developments and technical and professional activities of the society. Bomar is the Founder and former President of Street Smarts, Inc., a planning, engineering and design firm. She is currently serving her third term as Council Member, and has twice been Mayor Pro Tempore, for the City of Duluth. Read more about Bomar on page 40.

ACEC NATIONAL FALL CONFERENCE SEES SEVERAL GEORGIA RECOGNITIONS

ACEC Georgia was recognized at the ACEC Fall Conference in Denver, Co. for accomplishing its National PAC fundraising goal for the second year in a row (and the third largest amount raised among all the state chapters), as well as for exceeding the annual goal of three percent membership growth. Georgia-based engineer Annie Blissit with Gresham, Smith and Partners was also honored at the conference as she received her 2016 ACEC Young Professional of the Year Award.

ENGINEERING GEORGIA MAGAZINE RECEIVES FIVE GOLD 2016 MARCOM AWARDS

Engineering Georgia magazine — the official statewide magazine of Georgia's engineering industry — received five Gold MarCom Awards from the Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals (AMCP). The MarCom Awards



recognize outstanding achievements by professionals involved in the conception, direction, design and production of marketing and communication materials. Gold awards were received in the following categories: Magazine – Industry/Irade, Magazine – Association, Design (Print) – Magazine, Writing – Magazine and Photography – Magazine.

PES STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP TRANSITION

PES Structural Engineers, Inc. announced an impending ownership transition to take place by the end of 2016. CEO and Co-founder of the firm, Pete Pruitt, P.E. will complete the transition of his leadership and ownership role with PES and begin a new venture focusing on expert testimony and forensic investigation. PES, one of the largest and



most experienced solely structural firms in the Eastern U.S., has had the ownership transition plan in place since the firm's 1988 inception and is considered an integral part of PES's strategy and success.

EXACTSOURCE ANNOUNCES NEW FORENSIC FINGINFFRING PRACTICE AREA

A leader in the delivery of talent management solutions to architectural and engineering firms — and one of the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*'s 2016 Best Places to Work, ExactSource has expanded into the forensic engineering market. The company has hired a new Partner, Chuck Detling, who will serve as Forensic Engineering Practice Area Lead and will help develop growth within the firm's forensic engineering division.

FORTUNE 500 COMPANY HONEYWELL ANNOUNCES DIVISION HEADOUARTERS RELOCATION TO ATLANTA

Manufacturing and engineering company Honeywell announced that it intends to relocate its Home and Building Technologies headquarters to Georgia's capital, as well as create a software development center in the city. The company has nearly 1,000 employees in the state currently and plans to add nearly 800 more within the next few years.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT) AWARDS MORE THAN \$79.3 MILLION IN STATEWIDE CONTRACTS

GDOT has awarded 19 contracts totaling more than \$79.3 million for statewide construction and maintenance projects. The largest individual investments from this project allotment are two construction projects in central Georgia: a \$21.3 million contract for US 23/SR 87 in Bleckley County and a \$13.6 million contract for SR 142 in Newton County, both for widening and reconstruction.

NOVA ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL HOSTS COMPANY CHILI COOK-OFF

NOVA Engineering and Environmental's Kennesaw office held its 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off in October. Ten chili recipes were entered and 40 employees helped in the tasting and voting to determine the coveted top spot. Keith Rice, a geologist in the Environmental Department, took home first place while Tammy Zeholla from the Construction Materials Testing Department took home second place.





ROCHESTER AND ASSOCIATES CELEBRATES 50 YEARS IN BUSINESS

2016 marks the milestone of 50 years in business for Rochester and Associates, Inc., a Georgia-based civil engineering and land surveying firm. In 1966, B. Keith Rochester successfully created his own American dream and founded the company. Rochester passed away in 2004 and now the company is owned by his sons, Darrell and Brian Rochester. The Rochester brothers feel blessed to have great team members and clients which drive the success of the firm today.

Since the beginning, Rochester has grown to serve the southeastern United States, specializing in land surveying, civil engineering and infrastructure solutions for local, state and federal government agencies, educational institutions, utilities, residential and commercial projects for both private and public clients.

Rochester is thankful and proud to be a part of several high-profile projects by providing its services. Some of these projects include: Lanier Technical College's new campus, Lake Lanier Islands Resort, Kubota Manufacturing, I-75 Northwest Corridor Express Lanes, Pinewood Movie Studios, Atlanta Botanical Gardens Gainesville, Road Atlanta, the Atlanta Falcons Training Complex and Corporate Headquarters, Sugarloaf Country Club, Atlantic Station and Peachtree City.

Rochester and Associates, Inc. is based in Gainesville, Ga., with an additional office in Fayetteville, Ga.



Darrell, Keith, Dale and Brian Rochester receiving a service award at a 2001 Christmas celebration

I-285/SR 400 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT OFFICIALLY UNDERWAY

Governor Nathan Deal, along with Georgia Department of Transportation Commissioner Russell McMurray, State Transportation Board member Mark Murkhalter and many other members of the transportation and business community at the ground breaking ceremony for the I-285/ State Route 400 interchange improvement project on November 3.

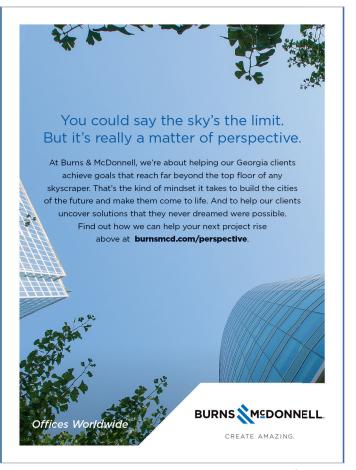


SAM OLENS APPOINTED NEW KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY (KSU) PRESIDENT — TRIGGERS CHANGES FOR OTHERS IN LEADING STATE POSITIONS

The University System of Georgia Board of Regents named Georgia Attorney General Sam Olens as the President of Kennesaw State University. KSU is one of Georgia's largest and fastest growing universities - merging with Southern Polytechnic State University in early 2015 - increasing the college's total enrollment to 33,000 students. Olens, who is a former Cobb County Commissioner and two-term Commission Chairman officially took office as President on November 1.



Taking Olen's seat as Attorney General is Chris Carr, former Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Economic Development (GDEcD). Following Carr's appointment to Attorney General, Governor Nathan Deal recommended Pat Wilson as the new GDEcD Commissioner, who took over the new role on November 1.



SAVANNAH RIVER REMEDIATION (SRR) RECEIVES SAFETY RECOGNITION

The Savannah River Remediation, the liquid waste contractor at the Savannah River Site, was awarded the 2016 Star of Excellence at the 32nd Annual National Voluntary Protection Program Participants' Association (VPPPA) conference for having an outstanding safety and health program and for maintaining a Total Recordable Case rate of injuries 75 percent lower than the industry average. Two SRR employees were also recognized with Safety and Health Achievement Awards. Chris Holley, SRR Electrical and Instrumentation First Line Manager at the Defense Waste Processing Facility, and Michael Young, SRR Sheet Metal Mechanic, joined the ranks of five SRR employees to have earned the award in the past four years.

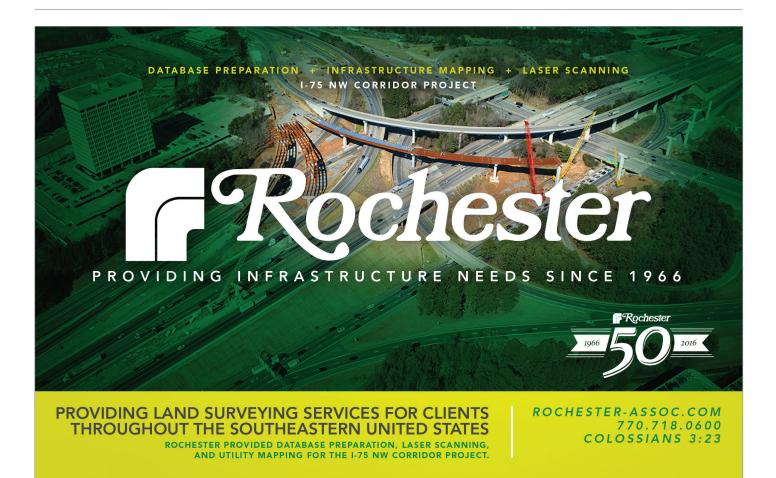
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA ENGINEERING PROGRAM IMPLEMENTS NEW ADMISSIONS PROCESS TO MANAGE GROWING NUMBERS

The University of Georgia's College of Engineering has implemented a new undergraduate admissions process to help in managing the highdemand major. Since the program's start four years ago, the college's admission has tripled in size, adding nearly 600 freshman and transfer students in the Fall 2016 semester alone. To combat the growing demand, the college will now accept students initially as intended engineering majors before requiring an official application and written statement to become a full-fledged engineering major after three semesters.





VPPPA Executive Director Mike Maddox presents the awards to Young and Holley



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- More than 1,600 ACEC member firms participate in the Trust and renew 93% of the time (based on average year-over-year persistency metrics).
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Malika Reed

ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION (ARC) welcomed Malika Reed Wilkins, **PhD** as its new Transportation Marketing Manager. Wilkins was formerly the Director of Marketing and Communications for the State Road and Tollway Authority (SRTA). She will head marketing efforts for the Georgia Commute Options program, ATLTransit.org and other transportationrelated projects.

BOHLER ENGINEERING promoted **Joel DelliCarpini** to Principal. He brings more than 16 years of experience from Bohler's New Jersey and Pennsylvania offices – relocating recently to the firm's Atlanta office to help oversee operations in the greater metro area.

DEVELOPMENT PLANNING & ENGINEERING, INC., a full service civil, sanitary, transportation and utility engineering company, added two new team members to its growing firm: Alex Nash, P.E. and Jeff Clayton, P.E. Nash brings more than 22 years of experience in site development and construction to the firm, while Clayton joins the transportation team with over 12 years of experience in roadway improvements.



Chuck Detling

EXACTSOURCE welcomed **Chuck Detling** to its Atlanta office as Partner and new Forensic Engineering Practice Area Lead. Detling has over two decades of experience in the forensic engineering, consulting, technology and legal industries.



Steve Justice

THE GEORGIA CENTER OF INNOVATION.

a division of the Georgia Department of Economic Development, appointed Steve Justice as its new Executive Director. Justice previously worked as the Director of the Center of Innovation for Aerospace, having more than 30 years of experience in the aerospace industry. He is an Atlanta native and a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology.

GRESHAM, SMITH & PARTNERS recently welcomed Stephen Mosher, P.E. and Sam Deeb, P.E. to its Alpharetta office. Mosher has over 17 years of experience as an engineer, project manager and principal, and Deeb brings 28 years of experience in structural engineering and project management to the firm.

HNTB welcomed several new people: Deputy Office Leader **Don** Harris, P.E., Senior Project Director David Dye and Transportation Project Director **David Flanders**, **P.E.** While Harris is new to the firm, Dve relocated from HNTB's Dallas, Texas office and Flanders transferred from the firm's Baton Rouge, La. location. **Al Clark** also joined the firm as Transportation Project Director and will serve as Project Manager on mega highway projects.

JACOBS ENGINEERING GROUP recently hired Lee Upkins as a CEI/ Utilities Program Manager. Upkins joins Jacobs following a 29-year career at the Georgia Department of Transportation, bringing extensive experience in construction techniques, utility coordination and maintenance to this new role.

PRIME ENGINEERING welcomed new hire **Tina Farris** to its team as Construction Manager. Farris brings more than 18 years of construction management and inspection experience to the firm.

WOLVERTON & ASSOCIATES announced numerous internal promotions: Hunter Hyde was promoted to Senior Project Manager for the Atlanta Land Development Group; Matt Meo and Bobby Shayan were promoted to Project Managers within the Atlanta Land Development Group; Josh Beasley was promoted to SUE Technician of the Atlanta Survey/SUE Group; Josh Gilbert was promoted to Survey Technician of the Atlanta Survey/SUE Group; Justin Harbeson and Graeme Kaiser were promoted to Project Managers within the Atlanta Survey/SUE Group; Ben Ledford was promoted to Crew Chief of the Atlanta Survey/SUE Group; Clay Smith was promoted to Project Manager of the Atlanta Traffic Group; Alex Simmons was promoted to Senior Traffic Technician of the Atlanta Traffic Group; Jean Yu was promoted to Project Manager of the Atlanta Transportation Group; and David Harding was promoted to Senior Designer of the Savannah Land Development Group.

WSP I PARSONS BRINCKERHOFF hired Dale Brown as Assistant Vice President for Transit and Rail Systems and **Richard Driggs** as President of Program Management. Brown will take the lead in addressing project, safety and asset accountability requirements of North American transit and rail agencies, while Driggs will be responsible for building a program management organization across the firm's various U.S. and Latin American markets.



Mike Mehrvarz

YANMAR AMERICA CORPORATION'S

Energy Systems Division brought on Mike Mehrvarz to serve as Senior Engineer at the firm's regional headquarters located in Adairsville. Mehrvarz brings more than 15 years of experience in development, design and engineering of HVAC equipment to the team.

Croy Engineering works with clients to bring environmental infrastructure projects from concept to completion.





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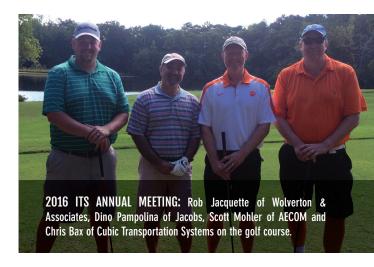
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2016 ASHE HOLIDAY SOCIAL

6:00p.m. Roswell River Landing 245 Azalea Drive Roswell, GA 30075

Socialize, eat, drink and be merry! Join ASHE Georgia for their holiday social including drinks and appetizers, as well as an awards ceremony for members and sponsors. Bring an unwrapped new toy and receive one raffle ticket for a chance to win prizes. Bring two or more toys and receive an extra ticket!

Cost: Free – ASHE Georgia Member; \$60 – Non-Member

Register at www.georgia.ashe.pro



2016 GEORGIA ITE ANNUAL MEETING

11:30a.m. - 1:30p.m. Maggianos Buckhead 3368 Peachtree Road Atlanta, GA, 30326

Join Georgia ITE (GAITE) as they present the Georgia Section Awards and announce the upcoming 2017 GAITE Board Members. This year's guest speaker is Jay Roberts, Director of Planning for GDOT. Register early to ensure a seat before the meeting hits maximum capacity – it's always a fun event with a packed house.

Learn more at www.gaite.org



2017 GEORGIA CHAMBER EGGS & ISSUES BREAKFAST

7:30a.m. Georgia World Congress Center 285 Andrew Young International Boulevard Atlanta, GA 30313

Held annually in January at the Georgia World Congress Center, the event attracts over 2,000 attendees. Eggs & Issues brings together Chamber investors, business leaders and many of the state's top-level elected and appointed officials from throughout the state as the Georgia General Assembly kicks off the legislative session.

Learn more at www.gachamber.com



2017 SMPS BOOTCAMP SERIES: THE ESSENTIALS OF MARKETING RESEARCH

8:00a.m. - 10:00a.m. JE Dunn 2555 Cumberland Parkway SE Atlanta, GA 30339

Join SMPS Atlanta for the first of six sessions in its 2017 Boot Camp series focused on "The Essentials." The series features one session per month from January to July, beginning with "The Essentials of Marketing Research," and will give participants implementable ideas and practices to become better business developers, marketers, designers and writers. Future sessions will focus on crisis communications, teaming strategies, typography, branding and managing outside consultants.

Cost: \$40 – *Member;* \$50 - *Non-Member;* \$35 – *CPSMs*; \$175 for the Series – Members; \$275 for the Series – Non-Members

Learn more at www.smpsatl.org



GWINNETT REGIONAL SCIENCE, **ENGINEERING + INNOVATION FAIR**

Infinite Energy Center 6400 Sugarloaf Parkway Duluth, GA 30097

The Gwinnett County Regional Science, Engineering + Innovation Fair is an annual tradition that has been in place for over 39 years. The 2017 Fair will be the ninth year where the event has highlighted career opportunities that await our students in the fields of science and engineering. Business sponsors, judges and career expo participants are still needed to help heighten student awareness of opportunities in research and industry.

Learn more at www.gwinnettsciencefair.com



INAUGURAL GEORGIA ENGINEERING AWARDS

6:00p.m. Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre 2800 Cobb Galleria Parkway Atlanta, GA 30339

This new black-tie event is a celebration of exceptional engineers, engineering projects and the achievements of the engineering industry as a whole. Awards presented during the evening include winners of ACEC Georgia's Engineering Excellence Awards and GSPE's Engineer of the Year Awards.

Register at www.acecga.org



2017 TRANSPORTATION WINTER WORKSHOP

Columbus Convention and Trade Center 801 Front Avenue Columbus, GA 31901

Hosted by Georgia ITE and ASHE Georgia, this workshop is a two-day event packed with speakers, discussion sessions, technical forums and a lot of fun! The event is an easy way to connect with other transportation professionals from across the state.

Learn more at www.gaite.org/winter-workshop



GEORGIA TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION (TSA) STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The Classic Center 300 North Thomas Street Athens, GA 30601

Dedicated exclusively to students enrolled in engineering and technology education pathway programs, TSA chapters prepare students to be successful inventors, designers, creative problem solvers, responsible citizens and leaders in a technological society.

Cost: \$85 - Student/Advisor; \$35 - Chaperone/Guest

Learn more at www.gatsa.org

