AL EDWARDS OF CERM HONORED AS MINORITY **BUSINESS OWNER OF THE YEAR**

Corporate Environmental Risk Management's (CERM) Al Edwards was honored by Atlanta Tribune magazine as a 2016 Minority Business Owner of the Year. Edwards serves as Managing Director at CERM, a minorityowned business offering quality environmental, engineering and program management services, which celebrated 20 years of service earlier this year in metro Atlanta and the broader southeast United States.



Marcus L. Reese, Principal, and Albert Edwards, Managing Director and Minority Business Owner of the Year Honoree.

ENERCON SERVICES INC. WINS SUMMER BASKFTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

ENERCON Services Inc., ranked as Atlanta Business Chronicle's second largest area engineering firm, won the playoff championship in the 2016 City of Atlanta Architects & Engineers Basketball Summer League. This marks the fifth playoff title the company has won since they began playing in the league in 2012, which includes three straight winter league titles from 2013-2015 and a 2012 summer league title. The league is comprised of approximately 16 various Atlanta area engineering firms.



ARGON AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP ON SUSTAINABILITY PRESENTED TO SOUTHFACE CO-FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. **DENNIS CREECH**

Dennis Creech, Southface Co-Founder and Executive Director, was presented with the 2016 Argon Award for leadership in sustainability in early September. The presentation took place as part of the Southface Visionary Dinner program, which had nearly 600 industry, environmental, philanthropic and academic leaders in attendance. The award was presented by Southface Board Chair Barry Goldman of Acruity Brands and the 2015 Argon Award Winner, Lacey Lewis, on behalf of the Cox Conserves Program.



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CERM HOLDS ANNUAL JOB SHADOWING PROGRAM

On July 28, Corporate Environmental Risk Management (CERM) hosted its Job Shadowing Program, allowing local high school, college and post-college graduates to spend one day in interactive sessions with employees and business partners, gaining hands-on experience while also learning more about STEM-related career options.

Several Shadowing Program participants have gone on to complete their studies and are currently employed in industry-related markets across the U.S., including positions at multinational organizations, governments and small businesses, such as CERM. CERM has hosted these job shadowing events since the company's inception in 1995 and recently expanded the program in 2015 to broaden the community impact.



Al Edwards, Managing Director at CERM, leads the company's Job Shadowing Program on July 28, 2016.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (GDOT) AWARDS CONTRACTS TOTALING \$97.6 MILLION

GDOT awarded \$97.6 million in statewide construction and maintenance projects in the month of August across a total of 38 contracts. The projects, which were advertised for bids in June, are funded through Georgia's Transportation Funding Act (TFA) of 2015 and focus on maintaining and improving existing infrastructure around the state.

GDOT OPENS SMALL BUSINESS HELP CENTER

A Business Help Center was recently established by GDOT to provide eligible disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs), as well as registered small and veteran-owned businesses, the opportunity to pursue contracts with the state transportation department. Business opportunities provided by the Transportation Funding Act (TFA) of 2015 include a backlog of statewide routine maintenance projects, which offer businesses that may not have previously worked with GDOT the opportunity to establish themselves as a qualified contractor to submit proposals for projects.

GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TOPS AS FISCALLY BEST AMONG THE STATE'S COLLEGES

The Georgia Institute of Technology was declared the "Best College in Georgia for the Money" by Money magazine. The school ranked 35th in best value overall in the nation, followed closely by The University of Georgia, which ranked 56th nationally.

THE GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY (GPA) APPROVES \$19.7 MILLION IN SPENDING FOR REGIONAL PORT

Major state traffic and economic impacts are anticipated following GPA's approval of \$19.7 million in spending toward building the Appalachian Regional Port (ARP) in Chatsworth, Ga. The funding for the ARP is divided: \$10 million from the state of Georgia and \$9.7 million from GPA. Following the completion of the ARP in 2018, a reduction of 40,000 trucks from Georgia highways is expected in the first year.



HUSSEY GAY BELL CELEBRATES LANDMARK TENURE OF GUS H. BELL, III, P.E.

Gus H. Bell, III, P.E. marked 50 years with the Savannah-based company in August. Bell is a graduate of The Citadel. He earned a degree in Civil Engineering before going to graduate school at the University of Kentucky and joining the firm in 1966.

LANIER TECHNICAL COLLEGE BREAKS GROUND ON NEW FACILITY

Lanier Technical College hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on September 9 for its new \$100 million campus located off Ga. 365. More than 100 state officials, legislators, local officials and business representatives were on hand to witness the event. Construction is set to be completed for classes to begin for the spring semester of 2019.



Bill Clark with Stevens & Wilkinson, Tony Parker with Pond and Brian Rochester of Rochester & Associates at the Lanier Technical College groundbreaking ceremony.



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NOVA ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CFI FBRATFS 20TH ANNIVERSARY

NOVA, an employee-owned business with more than 225 personnel, was established in August 1996. The company was originally founded to provide environmental consulting, geotechnical engineering and construction materials testing around the state of Georgia. Today, NOVA operates as two subsidiaries, NOVA Engineering and Environmental and NOVA Quality Assurance Consulting Services, serving the eastern United States.



ROSSER ENGINEERING COMPLETES TWO MAJOR SPORTS **DESIGN DIVISION PROJECTS**

Rosser International, Inc. completed both the Doak Campbell Stadium expansion at Florida State University, as well as the Thortons Academic Center of Excellence at the University of Louisville. Both projects were completed by the Atlanta architecture and engineering team in time for the start of the universities' 2016 fall terms.

STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD ELECTS NEW LEADERSHIP

Robert L. Brown, Jr., a member of the State Transportation Board for 11 years and representative of Georgia's 4th District, was elected Chairman of the Board for the 2016-2017 term. Jamie Boswell and Ann R. Purcell were also elected to serve as Vice Chairman and Secretary, respectively.



THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA (UGA) ENGINEERING PROGRAM EARNS ABET ACCREDITATION

UGA's College of Engineering's undergraduate degree program in civil engineering earned its initial accreditation from the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, the recognized global accreditor of college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering and engineering technology. UGA's engineering undergraduate degree programs in agricultural engineering, biochemical engineering, biological engineering, computer systems engineering and environmental engineering were also re-accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET.

TOM BLACKSTOCK, P.E. PROMOTED TO BRIGADIER GENERAL BY GOV. NATHAN DEAL

Kennesaw State University's Instructor of Management in the Department of First-Year and Transition Studies and Commander of the 78th Troop Command, Tom Blackstock, P.E. was sworn in as Brigadier General by Governor Nathan Deal during a September 13 ceremony at the state Capitol. A promotion event and reception were also held earlier in September to honor the momentous occasion at the Clay National Guard Center in Cobb County.



YVONNE WILLIAMS STEPS DOWN AS HEAD OF PERIMETER CIDS

After 17 years as the President and CEO of the Perimeter Community Improvement Districts (CIDs), Yvonne Williams resigned - effective September 2, 2016. "As we prepare to take on and support the largest transportation project in the history of this organization, as well as within our region, we want to thank and recognize Yvonne Williams for her leadership, long tenure and service in building this organization," said Central Perimeter CID Board Chair John Heagy in a press release in reference to the forthcoming I-285/Georgia 400 interchange reconstruction project. A successor has yet to be named for the position.

THOMAS & HUTTON PROMOTES CORPORATE GIVING WITH OFFICE OLYMPICS FUNDRAISER

Thomas & Hutton hosted its Office Olympics fundraiser for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) annual Light the Night event for the third year in a row this summer. The games were especially exciting this year as they were held the day before Rio's Opening Ceremonies. The coveted bronze, silver and gold medals were handmade in-house using old CDs, mini staplers, ribbons and spray paint. More than 30 employees participated in the fundraiser, which included games like the Corporate Climb, The Stickler, The "Bored" Meeting and UPS is Here.



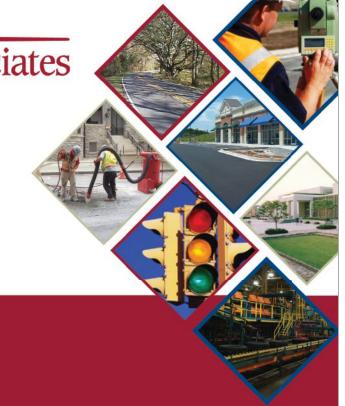






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ACCURA ENGINEERING AND CONSULTING SERVICES, INC.,

headquartered in Atlanta, hired Ron Pate as Director of Surveying. Pate is a graduate of Kennesaw State University and has more than 28 years of engineering experience.





Jose J. Rodriguez Alvarez

Misam Taherbhai

BURNS & MCDONNELL announced the promotion of Jose J. Rodriguez Alvarez to Transmission and Distribution Department Manager, as well as the promotion of Misam Taherbhai, P.E. to Assistant Substation Manager in its Transmission and Distribution practice.

CROFT & ASSOCIATES welcomed Kip Stokes, P.E. to its Atlanta headquarters as Vice President. Stokes brings more than 23 years of experience to the team.





Brian Brumfield

Kevin Edwards



EBERLY & ASSOCIATES recently promoted Brian Brumfield, P.E. and Kevin Edwards, P.E. to Principals, while Jeremiah Phillips, P.E. moves into a new position as Group Leader.

Jeremiah Phillips

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT expanded its board of directors with the appointment of Georgia Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) President/CEO Dennis L. Chastain. Chastain was appointed by Governor Nathan Deal and sworn in during a ceremony at the Georgia State Capitol in August.

GEORGIA PORTS AUTHORITY named Ed McCarthy as its new Chief Operating Officer (COO). McCarthy comes to Georgia from Norfolk, Va. where he served as COO for CMA CGM America. His responsibilities include sustaining the profitable growth and development of port operations, while maintaining the world-class level of operating standards.





Peter Oram

Srinivas Jalla

GRESHAM, SMITH AND PARTNERS (GS&P), a leading multidisciplinary design and consulting firm for the built environment, welcomed Peter Oram as Division Vice President of the firm's South Division. **Srinivas Jalla** also joined GS&P as a Senior Vice President on the Water Resources team in Georgia.

HNTB welcomed new hire **Jeff VanDyke** as a Senior Project Manager. VanDyke will serve as the primary point of contact for large projects in the Office of Innovative Delivery and coordinate with the Georgia Department of Transportation to develop alternative delivery packages.

KCI TECHNOLOGIES INC. added Bayne Smith, P.E. to the firm as Regional Practice Leader. Smith brings more than 25 years of experience in engineering and business development to the company. He will be responsible for growing the firm's presence and service offerings within the southeast transportation market.



Keith Costley

W00D welcomes **Keith** Costley, P.E. to its Duluth headquarters as Chief Operating Officer for the firm, reporting to CEO Eddie Williams. Costley has been with Keck & Wood for 16 years and has served as Manager of the firm's Rock Hill, S.C. branch office for the past four years. He has been involved with many of the firm's water resources and institutional infrastructure projects in S.C., N.C. and

Ga. Costley is a native of Crystal River Florida and is a 1994 Vanderbilt civil engineering graduate. He and his wife, Susan, have relocated to the Suwanee community.

NEWCOMB & BOYD promoted three employees to Associate Partner: Nicholas Mazzolini, Paul Kitchens and Silas Khor.



Raymond C. Ashe



Bill Griffin



Dale A. Gaines

INTERNATIONAL, appointed Raymond C. Ashe, AIA as the new CEO of Rosser International, Inc. Ashe has been with Rosser since 1984 and previously directed the firm's Architecture Division. He has more than 35 years of experience in the design and management of facilities and venues. Ashe steps into the role following the retirement of **Bill Griffin**, who spent 40 years with the firm. Rosser also named

Dale A. Gaines, P.E. as the new Chairman of the Board. Gaines has more than 38 years of experience with the company.

TERRACON CONSULTANTS, INC. welcomed Nils Thompson as an Environmental Department Manager for its Atlanta area offices. Thompson will manage a team of more than 20 employees based around the Atlanta region.

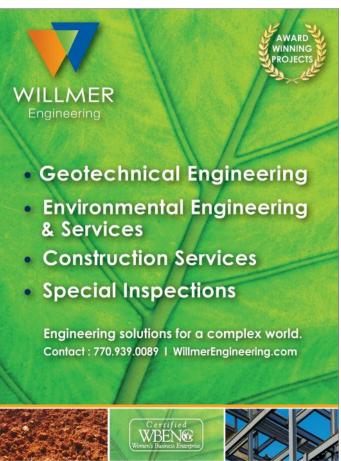
THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA appointed an Interim Chancellor following an announcement of retirement from Chancellor Hank Huckaby. The University System's Board of Regents selected Steve Wrigley, Executive Vice Chancellor of Administration, to move into the role when Huckaby vacates office at the end of 2016.



Valentina Forcella

W. R. TOOLE ENGINEERS, INC. hired Valentina Forcella, Ph.D., E.I., as a Project Manager with the firm's Municipal Infrastructure Group. Forcella graduated from Politecnio di Milano, Italy with a Master's of Science and Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering. She obtained her Ph.D. in Environmental & Territorial Safety and Control Engineering from Politecnio di Torino, Milano, and Bari, Italy.





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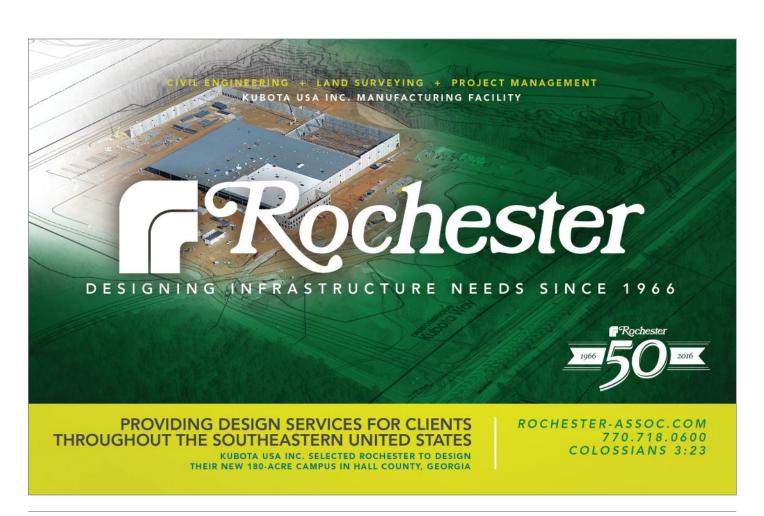


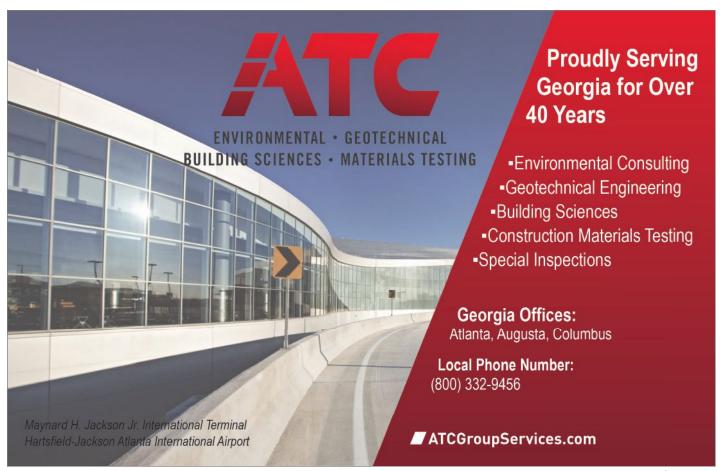












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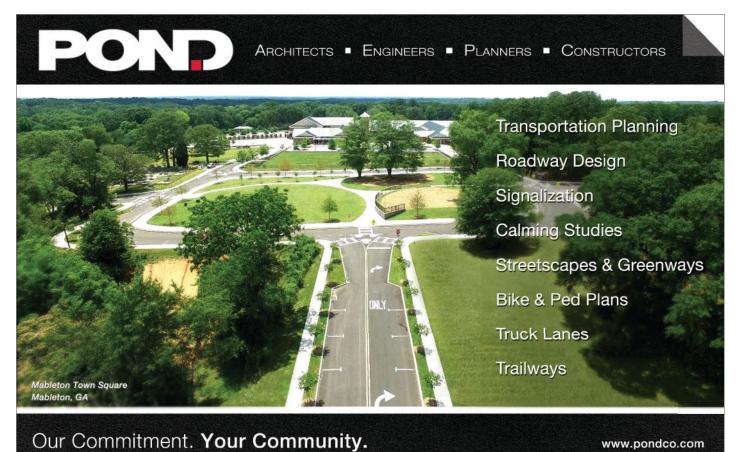














NEW P.E. RECOGNITION RECEPTION AND DINNER

6:00p.m. - 8:30p.m. Georgia Tech Hotel and Conference Center 800 Spring Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30308

Hosted by the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers (GSPE), this program honors new engineers who passed the P.E. exam in Georgia (since April 2015). The reception and dinner provide an occasion for seasoned engineers to officially welcome newly licensed engineers into the profession. Becoming a licensed engineer is a tremendous accomplishment and should not go unnoticed; GSPE encourages new professional engineers, their colleagues, family and friends to attend.

Cost: \$55 – Person

Register at www.gspe.org



ACEC GEORGIA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP **MEETING FEATURING GOVERNOR NATHAN DEAL**

7:30a.m. - 9:15a.m. The Commerce Club 191 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

Governor Deal will discuss the 2017 Legislative Session, including the Opportunity School District Constitutional Amendment which is intended to help turn around struggling schools in our state - further underpinning our economy by improving our overall education system and providing students the highest quality education with more opportunities to pursue a career in a STEM field.

Cost: \$45 – Member: \$65 – Non-member

Register at www.acecga.org



SEAOG MONTHLY SEMINAR: GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATIONS FOR USE IN STRUCTURAL DESIGNS

6:00p.m. - 7:45p.m. Hudson Grille - Brookhaven 4046 Peachtree Road, NE. Atlanta, GA 30319

Join SEAOG for its monthly seminar program, which will focus on Geotechnical Investigations for use in Structural Designs. All attendees will receive a certificate for one PDH post-event.

Cost: \$30 - Member; \$40 - Non-member; \$20 - Full-time student

Register at www.seaog.org



ANNUAL WTS ATLANTA SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

11:00a.m. - 1:00p.m. The Georgia Aquarium, Oceans Ballroom 225 Baker Street NW, Atlanta, GA 30313

Join WTS Atlanta for its annual scholarship luncheon, featuring Keynote Speaker Keith Parker, General Manager and CEO for MARTA. The luncheon will feature the silent auction to raise money for the WTS Atlanta Scholarship fund. Two undergraduate and two graduate scholarships will be presented to female students in the transportation field.

Register at www.wtsinternational.org/atlanta



2016 GEORGIA PDH DAY

Georgia Tech Student Center 350 Ferst Drive NW, Atlanta, GA 30332

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SAME SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE (SBC)

Cobb Galleria Centre 2 Galleria Parkway SE, Atlanta, GA 30339

With more than 2,000 attendees and 260 exhibiting companies at the 2015 SBC, and more expected in 2016, the Small Business Conference is the perfect venue for small businesses in the federal A/E/C industry to connect with government agencies and large businesses.

Cost: \$625 - Member; \$800 - Non-Member; \$500 - Non-Profit, Academia, Fully Retired Member

Register at www.s3.goeshow.com/same/business/2016/index.cfm



2016 GEORGIA TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT

The Classic Center 300 North Thomas Street, Athens, GA 30601

Join us for the largest transportation event in Georgia. A partnership of ACEC Georgia, the

Georgia Department of Transportation, Georgia Chamber of Commerce and Georgia Transportation Alliance, this year's event will center around the "State of the System" and provide attendees with an entire day focused on transportation in Georgia – from roads and bridges to ports and airports.

Cost: \$175 - ACEC Georgia, Georgia Chamber of Commerce and Georgia Transportation Alliance Member; \$275 – Non-Member

Register at www.acecga.org



2017 GEORGIA ENGINEERING AWARDS

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

Save the date for this new black-tie event which celebrates, with pride and elegance, standard-setting project achievements and outstanding engineers in the industry! Winners of both the 2017 ACEC Georgia Engineering Excellence Awards and GSPE Engineer of the Year Awards will be honored during the evening's program.

Learn more at www.acecga.org

