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Benefits of Certification

The following are benefits of being certified:

• It distinguishes one from others as the CCM is the gold standard in the construction management field.
• Improves one’s chances of obtaining a desired position or winning a pursuit.
• Increases professional stature, earning potential and advancement opportunities.
• Discounted professional liability and general liability insurance for CM firms using CCMs through ProSight Specialty Insurance.
Who Hires CCMs?

County of San Diego
Department of Homeland Security
Los Angeles Unified Schools
Massachusetts Port Authority
Metro Washington Airport Authority
New York City Department of Environmental Protection
New York City Transit Authority
Oklahoma Department of Central Services
Chicago Public Schools

San Francisco Public Commission of Utilities
Smithsonian Institute
University of Texas
US Army Corps of Engineers
US Department of Veteran Affairs
US General Services Administration
Virginia Department of Transportation
Washington Metro Area Transit Authority
Cook County Capital Planning and Policy
CMCI Certifies Most CMs in Single Year
Submitted January 14, 2016
McLean, VA - January 14, 2016 - The Construction Manager Certification Institute (CMCI) set a new record in 2015 by recognizing 458 new Certified Construction Managers (CCMs). Based on the current pace of new applications, CMCI expects to surpass that number in 2016.
CMCI, an affiliate of CMAA, had 105 more CCM-earners in 2015 than in 2014, and 309 more than in 2012, which is when the yearly total began its recent surge. The number of CCMs earned directly correlates with the growing number of applicants, which has increased annually since 2012.
The CCM program began in 1996 as a way to recognize excellence in the construction management profession. It took 12 years to reach its first thousand CCMs, but CMCI then reached 2,000 CCMs in only five years. Since then, the program has added an additional 900 CCMs in three years. CMAA anticipates that the program will reach 3,000 CCMs before March, 2016.
"CM certification requires applicants to meet some pretty lofty standards. For that reason, owners know that by hiring a CCM, they're hiring one of the most proven professionals in the industry. On the other hand, the CCM helps experienced construction managers substantially raise their career ceilings. Becoming certified is an important career move. The growing interest in the certification would indicate that many CMs agree" said CMAA president & CEO, Bruce D'Agostino. In addition to the agency’s in-house staff, Donnelly said, “we recognize the significant role of Agency Construction Managers in our success. We are actively recruiting high performing organizations.”

CMCI is the governing body that oversees the CCM program. Although CMCI is funded by CMAA, it operates as an independent entity. The CCM program is accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) under the International Organization for Standardization's ISO 17024. It is also endorsed by the Construction Industry Institute of the University of Texas, and a growing number of owners are recognizing the CCM by making it a preference or requirement in their bid solicitations.
This Quarter’s Featured CCM
Chuck Hardy, CCM
Chuck Hardy, CCM

Current Firm – US General Services Administration
Position – Chief Workplace Officer
Years in the industry – 30+ Years
Educational background – BS of Architecture and BS of Environmental from University of Minnesota
Affiliation with CMAA – Member since 2000, Past President, National Board Member
Chuck Hardy, CCM

When did you receive your CCM certification?
November 2002

When and how did you become aware that such as certification was offered? Through participating in the Chicago Chapter, both as a board member and as an attendee at events, I learned of the CCM credential in its early days. After certification, I helped create classes to prepare individuals for the test.
What went into your decision to pursue the certification? I am a true advocate of professionalism within the construction industry. As an owner, if I am requiring certification I want to make sure it is appropriate. As a licensed and registered architect I understood the rigor, experience, knowledge testing, and challenge the architectural licensing process provided. Having been through the CCM certification I am confident that the individuals possessing CCM certification are true professionals who fully understand the business of Construction Management. I believe you should never stop learning...maintaining certification keeps me focused on furthering my knowledge as well as developing new skills and techniques.
Chuck Hardy, CCM

How has the certification benefitted your career? CCM certification brings with it many benefits. As one of the first within GSA to achieve certification the designation set me apart from my peers and positioned me as a subject matter expert within the agency and government. Additionally the contacts in the industry that I have met through my CCM affiliation both in teaching classes as well as meeting them at various gatherings has broadened my contacts and helped me establish a sound industry network. Most importantly in achieving the certification it affirmed my knowledge allowing me to act with confidence and continue to grow in experience and expertise.
What would you say to those that are wondering why they should pursue the certification? Go for it! Pursuing professional credentials is necessary not only to let others know what you know, but to let yourself know as well. As Plato said a while ago: “A good decision is based on knowledge and not on numbers.” As you all know we in the industry need to make good decisions on a regular basis. Your decision now should be to pursue CCM certification. Do a risk analysis as you would on your projects and you will find CCM certification is low risk with a high pay off and oh by the way, is on the critical path of your successful career.

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Professional Construction Management Course

This three-day comprehensive course focusing on Construction Management core competencies and CMAA's body of knowledge is a valuable learning opportunity for professionals managing construction projects and programs, from entry level to highly experienced.

This course will benefit anyone seeking to acquire sound basic CM skills, as well as more experienced professionals seeking a fresher, continuing education, or effective preparation for the Certified Construction Manager examination.
2016 Professional Construction Management Course Schedule

Austin, TX » April 28-30
New York, NY » June 1-22
San Diego, CA » June 15-17
Monterrey, Mexico » June 15-17
Central Virginia » June 21-23
Tempe, AZ » June 23-25
Atlanta, GA » July 20-22
Honolulu, HI » Aug 3-5
San Diego, CA » Oct 6-8
## Professional Construction Management Course™ Agenda

**Day 1**

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Day 2

8:00-12:30  Time Management
12:30-1:30   Lunch
1:30-3:00   BIM
3:00-5:00   Quality Management
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Day 3

8:00-9:00  Sustainability
9:00-12:30 Cost Management & Value Engineering
12:30-1:30 Lunch
1:30-2:30 Safety
2:30-5:00 Risk Management
Questions

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