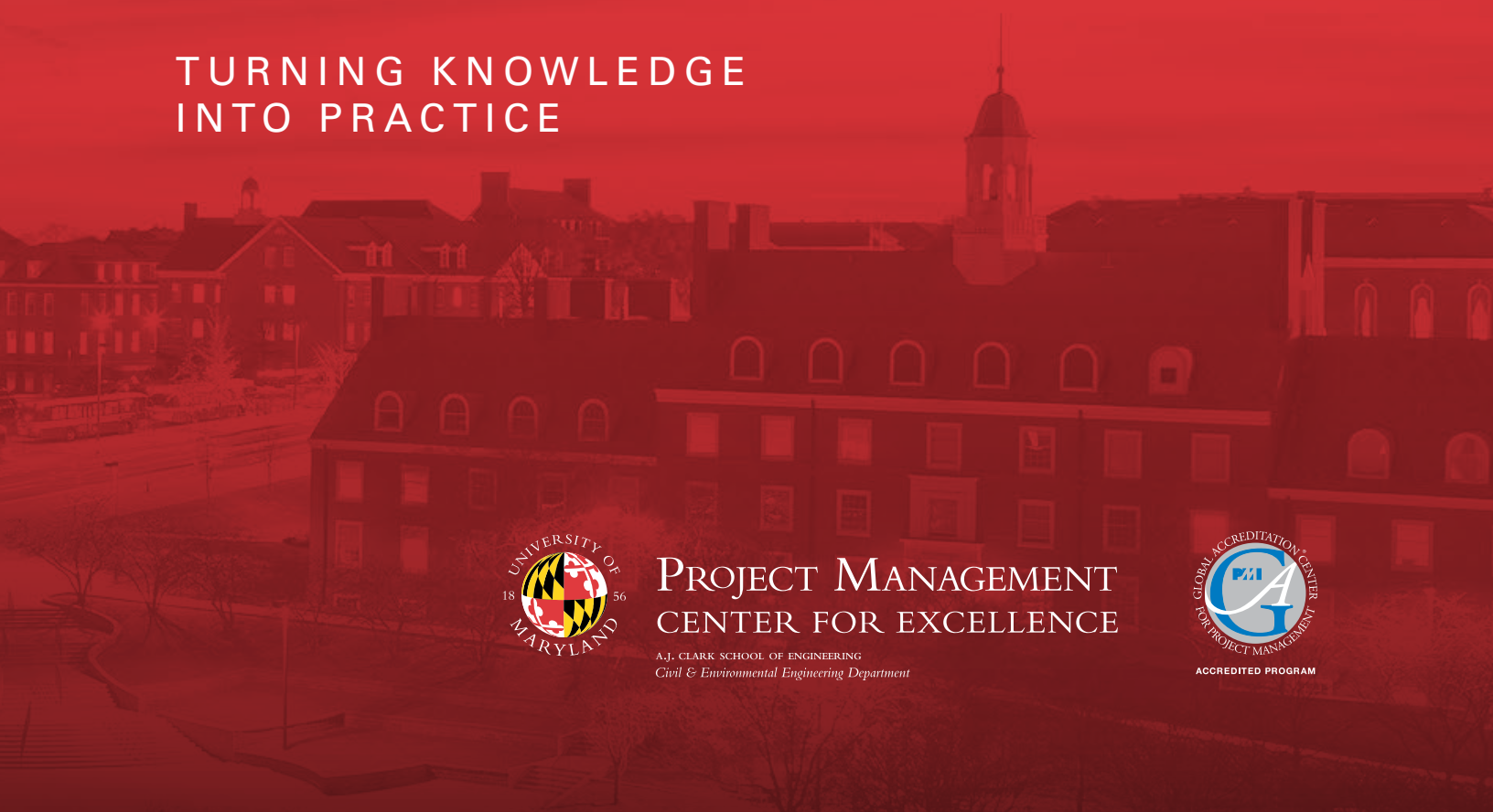


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IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WON'T NECESSARILY COME: ENGINEERING SOLUTIONS, THE HUMAN FACTOR
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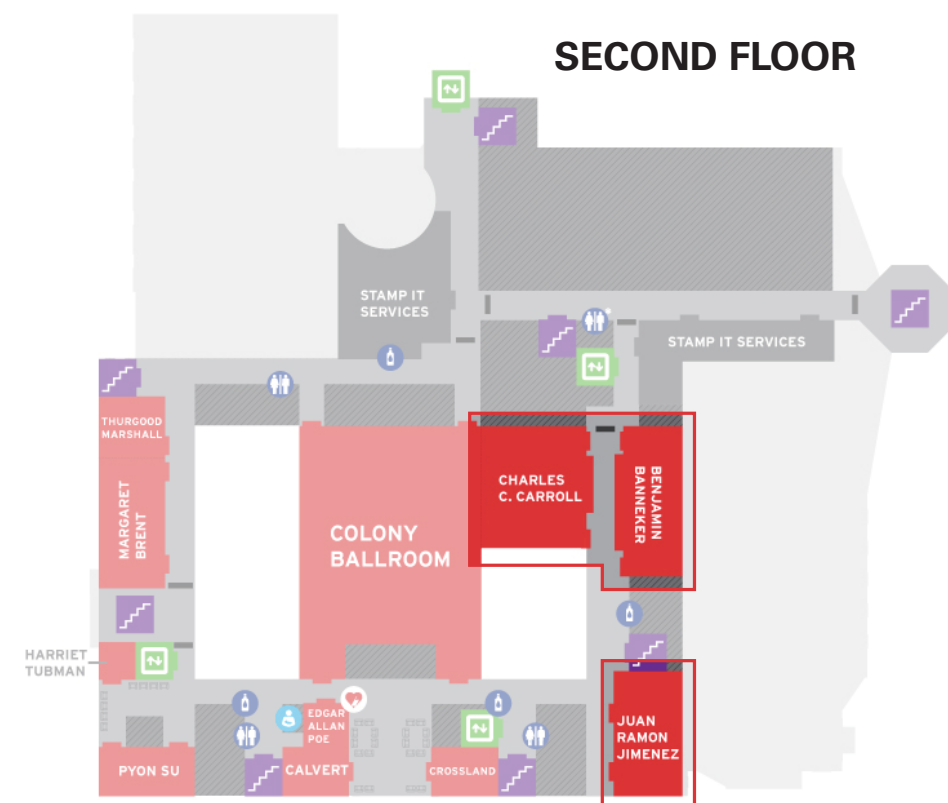
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# THURSDAY MORNING

MAY 10 2018

7:30 Registration & Coffee  
8:30 Welcome

Featured Speaker  
8:45 **MIKE SCHLEGEL**  
**BOZZUTO CONSTRUCTION**

**Is the Construction Industry Ripe for Disruption?**  
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9:45 -10:15	<b>Mindful Leadership – What is it? How can I apply it to my programs and projects?</b> SANDRA MENZIES <i>Leadership</i>	<b>Applying 1970 Waterfall Development Lessons Learned within Today’s Agile Development Process</b> JOHNNY MORGAN <i>Technical</i>
10:20 -10:50	<b>Crucial Conversations for Team Performance</b> LAURA THOMAS <i>Leadership</i>	<b>Earned Capabilities Management (ECM) Meets FIRE – A Framework for Rapid Acquisition</b> CHRISTOPHER HARRIS AND JOHN JOHNSON <i>Strategic &amp; Business</i>
10:55 -11:25	<b>Managing Teams with Servant Leadership</b> JOSEPH LAUNI <i>Leadership</i>	<i>Session ends at 11:25</i>

<b>Integrated Program Management</b>	<b>Federal Programs</b>	<b>Construction Management (BIM)</b>
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<b>What is EVM... And Why Should I Care?</b> ROBIN PULVERENTI <i>Technical</i>	<b>Building the Federal Program and Project Management Community of Practice</b> CHRISTIE REWEY <i>Leadership</i>	<b>The World Trade Center Collapse – A Case Study</b> NEIL SCHULMAN <i>Technical</i>
<b>ISO Standards for Work Breakdown Structures and Earned Value Management</b> NEIL ALBERT <i>Technical</i>	<b>Case Study: Portfolio Management in the 2020 Census Program</b> SUSAN HOSTETTER AND SHERRI NORRIS <i>Strategic &amp; Business</i>	<b>Herding the Cats: Managing Information During Disaster Response</b> GEORGE FINK <i>Technical</i>
<b>Using Schedule Data to Improve Project Management</b> ANNE JOHNSON <i>Strategic &amp; Business</i>	<b>Fix It or Forget It? Dealing With Troubled Projects</b> SCOTT HINE <i>Strategic &amp; Business</i>	<b>Evolving Expectations for Construction Project Managers and Employers</b> RYAN ANDERSON AND SARA COLLINS <i>Leadership</i>



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11:30 Lunch  
12:00 Featured Speaker  
**CELIA ANN PFLECKL**  
**AMTRAK**

**If You Build It, They Won’t Necessarily Come: Engineering Solutions, the Human Factor**  
This presentation will focus on the human side of engineering projects and why it is essential to consider behavioral factors to ensure adoption and use of a final product. It will discuss the importance of understanding your end user, selecting the right success criteria, establishing a good cross section of test subjects, and soliciting feedback early and often at appropriate points throughout the project.  
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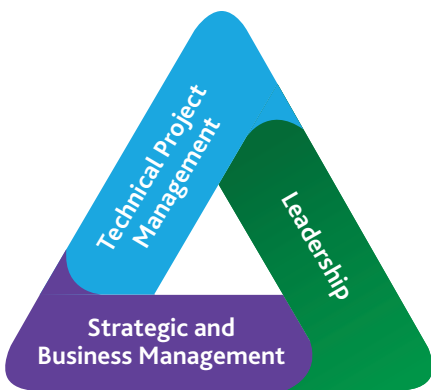
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1:15 - 1:45	<b>Change Management: Love The New Baby!</b> SCOTT HINE <i>Strategic &amp; Business</i>	<b>Agile Design</b> KELLY ALBRECHT <i>Technical</i>	<b>Earned Capabilities Mgmt: A new approach to Agile Governance, EVM Best Practices</b> JOHNSON AND PULVERENTI <i>Technical</i>	<b>Program Benefits Management: International Best Practice</b> DAVID PELLIS <i>Technical</i>	<b>Impact of Technology on Project Management in the Design and Construction Industry</b> SAURABH GANGWAR <i>Technical</i>
1:50 - 2:20	<b>Practical Methods for Successful Change Adoption</b> AIMEE BAXTER <i>Leadership</i>	<b>Breaking Bad: Deciding When to Save a Project and When to Shut it Down</b> JASON DUNN <i>Strategic &amp; Business</i>	<b>Implementing a Project Portfolio Management System in Government</b> MUHAMMAD SHAHZAD AND DEREK WINOGRADOFF <i>Technical</i>	<b>Interdisciplinary Competence: The Key to Exceptional Project Performance</b> AMY HOULE CARUSO <i>Leadership</i>	<b>House of Waste: What It Is and Its Implication For Project Management</b> CHARLES IGWE <i>Technical</i>
2:30	<b>Featured Speaker</b> <b>LAUREN ALEXANDER AUGUSTINE</b>		<b>Operationalizing Resilience One Community at a Time</b> At the Resilient America program at the National Academy of Sciences Engineering and Medicine, we work with four communities across the United States to help them design and build resilience programs that satisfy their community's particular needs. <i>Strategic &amp; Business</i>		
3:45 - 4:15	<b>Eight Steps to Lasting Change That Works Every Time</b> MYLES MILLER <i>Strategic &amp; Business</i>  <i>Session ends at 4:50</i>	<b>Impact of Team and Client Collaboration on Project Agility</b> ABIRAMI RADHAKRISHNA <i>Strategic &amp; Business</i>	<b>Achieving Regulatory Compliance through a Public Private Partnership</b> DAVID WASHINGTON <i>Strategic &amp; Business</i>	<b>Panel Discussion: Project Management Training for Federal Employees</b> LATANYA ANDERSON, SCOTT HINE, AND TIM WHALEN <i>Strategic &amp; Business</i>  <i>Session ends at 4:50</i>	<b>Your Schedule Says Your Project Will Finish on Time. Is that All?</b> OMONIYI LADIPO, MAIRAV MINTZ, CHRISTOPHER PAYNE <i>Technical</i>
4:20 - 4:50		<b>Agility for Leaders – Learning to Teach in a World That Is Rejecting Hierarchy</b> JEFF DALTON <i>Technical</i>	<b>Panel Discussion: Performance Measures: When is Done "Done"?</b> ALBERT, LAVAQUE, PHILLIPS, PULVERENTI, ROVINSKY <i>Technical</i>		<b>AI Through Unmanned Systems for the Construction Sector</b> SHAHAB MOEINI <i>Technical</i>
5:00	<b>Networking Reception in Grand Ballroom</b>				



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DEEP WATER POINT

A Case Study in Using EVM to Improve Project Management and Gain Funding:  
The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Story  
Robert Rovinsky will share the lessons learned from his work in the FAA, which include how to mobilize all parts of the “project management system.”

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Track **People in Projects:  
Conflict**

**Agile & IT**

**Risk & Big Data**

**Stakeholders**

**Construction  
Management (BIM)**

Room **Atrium (1107)**  
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**Ken O’Connell**

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-10:15

**The Brain Science Behind Human Learning: Essentials of Training and Teaching**  
AVINASH TRIPATHI  
[Leadership](#)

**Design Thinking & Project Management**  
BRUCE GAY  
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**Project Risk Management: The Context, Tools and Their Application with Real World Examples**  
MINTZ AND KHADKA  
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**Stakeholder Mgmt and Engagement: Analysis of Drivers of Evolving Subject Discipline**  
AURANGZEB KHAN  
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**Cross-Implementing Computational Design: Data Analysis and Visualization with BIM**  
KRISTEN AMBROSE  
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**Breaking Rules: A Rulebook for Improving Your Performance**  
BOB MCGANNON  
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**R&D Project Management - Is it Agile?**  
JESSE ARONSON  
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HAKOB AVETISYAN  
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*Bob McGannon’s book, “Intelligent Disobedience: The Difference Between Good and Great Leaders” will be on sale during this session.*

**The Traffic Fallacy**  
SEAN EDDINGS  
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**Project Risk Management Made Easy**  
SUSAN PARENTE  
[Technical](#)

**Life Cycle Cost Optimization Within Decision Making on Alternative Designs**  
SOMPURA JITEN  
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11:30 Lunch

Featured Speaker

12:00 WILLIAM EGGERS  
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**Where Tomorrow Will Take Us: A Journey into the Future of Work and Management**  
Learn how agile development, human-centered design, artificial intelligence, teams, and other emerging business and technology trends are transforming the world of work, management, and decision making and what it means for project management.

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1:15 -1:45	<b>Conflict Resolution Practices for the 21st Century</b> PAMELA DAVIS-GHAVAMI <i>Technical</i>  <i>Session ends at 2:20</i>	<b>Agile Quantitative Risk Analysis</b> SUSAN PARENTE <i>Technical</i>  <i>Session ends at 2:20</i>
1:50 -2:20		
2:30	<b>Featured Speaker</b> <b>JEFF GRAVATTE</b> <b>CADD MICROSYSTEMS</b>	
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<b>Risk &amp; Big Data</b>	<b>Stakeholders</b>	<b>Construction Management (BIM)</b>
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<b>Project Recovery: Root Causes &amp; Structured Approach</b> PETE PARNIAN <i>Leadership</i>	<b>The Project Management and Engagement Strategy Spectrum</b> AURANGZEB KHAN <i>Leadership</i>  <i>Session ends at 2:20</i>	<b>Information Matters: The State of Project Management Today – Revolutionizing the Construction Industry through the Adoption of Technology</b> MARK BODNER AND LANCE COBURN <i>Strategic &amp; Business</i>  <i>Session ends at 2:20</i>
<b>Integrated Stakeholder and Risk Management in Indian Smart Cities</b> OMAR BASHIR <i>Technical</i>		

**Technological Advances in Managing Design and Construction Projects**  
 In this session you will see and hear about proven and emerging innovations in how buildings are designed and constructed, and more importantly, the advances in how projects are being managed using modeled information. Included are practices and ideas to build more predictable outcomes.  
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**Mike Schlegel**  
*President, Bozzuto Construction Company*

## Is the Construction Industry Ripe for Disruption?

PRODUCTIVITY IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY HAS INCREASED AT AN AVERAGE OF ONLY 1 PERCENT A YEAR OVER THE PAST TWO DECADES, far below all other manufacturing industries. Labor is in very short supply and prices are inflating at a pace in excess of Consumer Price Index. Both Wall Street and technology companies are starting to take interest in our industry. All signs point to the construction industry being ripe for disruption. In this presentation, Mike Schlegel, president of Bozzuto Construction Company, will discuss what disruption could look like and explore what we can do as an industry about it.

As President of Bozzuto Construction Company, Michael Schlegel is responsible for the general contracting division at Bozzuto.

From directing all in-house activities to leading the collaborative effort between estimating/budgeting, scheduling, project management, and supervision—Mike maintains a personal involvement with each construction project from start to finish. Since joining the company in 1999, he has overseen the construction of more than 25,000 multifamily units; over one million square feet of retail, as well as public and private infrastructure projects, with an aggregate contract value exceeding \$3 billion.

Prior to joining Bozzuto Construction Company, Mike was a Vice President with Clark Builders Group, where he was integrally involved with the company's startup and growth. Currently, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Housing Association of Non-Profit Developers, Montgomery Housing Partnership, the Maryland Center for Construction Education and Innovation, and the Virginia Tech Myers-Lawson School of Construction.



**Celia Ann Pfleckl**  
*Director, Portfolio Management for Amtrak's Enterprise Program Management Office Delivery Team*

## If You Build It, They Won't Necessarily Come *Engineering Solutions, the Human Factor*

ALMOST EVERYTHING WE DO, OR TOUCH TODAY IS DESIGNED WITH HUMAN BEHAVIOR IN MIND. In the last 30 years, we have seen evidence of this all around us with ergonomic design for a variety of consumer products, emergence of intuitive software programs and mobile apps, a new "urban living" approach to city planning and public works projects, and consumer-directed healthcare programs.

This presentation will focus on the human side of engineering projects and why it is essential to consider behavioral factors to ensure adoption and use of a final product.

We will discuss the importance of understanding your end user, selecting the right success criteria, establishing a good cross section of test subjects, and soliciting feedback early and often at appropriate points throughout the project. We will touch on the significance of proper stakeholder engagement and well-structured change management for engineering projects.

Celia Ann Pfleckl is the Director, Portfolio Management for Amtrak's Enterprise Program Management Office Delivery Team. Celia's team is responsible for complex, cross-functional, enterprise level projects and programs as assigned by Amtrak's executive leadership team. At present, her portfolio includes programs such as Positive Train Control Implementation and development and implementation of a new learning management system.

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**Lauren Alexander Augustine**

*Director, Office of Special Projects and Resilient America Program*

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## Operationalizing Resilience One Community at a Time

AT THE RESILIENT AMERICA PROGRAM AT THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES ENGINEERING AND MEDICINE, WE WORK WITH FOUR COMMUNITIES across the United States to help them design and build resilience programs that satisfy their community's particular needs. This effort employs a mix of expert volunteers of the National Academy members, members of the Resilient America round table, and a local "ground team" comprised of local academicians, local government, local private sector, and non-governmental organizations.

The Resilient America program works with a bottom up point of view. As unbelievable as it sounds, Resilient America was able to achieve success in all four communities. This

result is remarkable due to their differences, different approaches, their different priorities, and their different understandings of and needs for resilience. This gives the Resilient America program, as well as others interested in operationalizing resilience, great hope for taking tenets and concepts of resilience from the academic realms into practice as an effort well worth undertaking.

Lauren Alexander Augustine is the director of the Program on Risk, Resilience, and Extreme Events in the Office of Special Projects in the Division of Policy and Global Affairs and serves as the associate executive director of the Division of Earth and Life Studies. In this role, she directs the Resilient America Roundtable and the International Forum on CBRN Resilience. She is also the staff lead for the cross-Academies Resilience Working Group. She joined the Academy in 2002.



**Robert Rovinsky**

*Principal, Deep Water Point*

## A Case Study in using EVM to improve Project Management and gain funding

THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF ENSURING THAT AIR TRAVEL IS THE SAFEST IT HAS EVER BEEN, but has not compiled the same record in terms of managing its major capital improvement projects. In 1993, it had the largest federal civilian project failure when a 5.1 Billion dollar program collapsed. Shortly afterwards the Government Accountability Office placed the entire FAA's air traffic modernization program on its high risk list.

The long slow recovery to both project improvement and fiscal credibility began

in 1996 and, aided by the critical decision to implement earned value management (EVM) agency-wide, resulted in the air traffic modernization program being removed by GAO in 2009 and funding of over 100 million dollars restored. Robert Rovinsky was a key member of the executive and staff team that led the effort. He will share the lessons learned which include how to mobilize all parts of the "project management system" – acquisition, budget, internal oversight, IT, personnel, and senior leadership—and how to position EVM as the critical unifying role and forcing function.

Since 2013, Robert "Bob" Rovinsky has been a Principal at Deep Water Point, a group of over 60 former executives from the civilian, defense and intelligence agencies and as well as over 60 former executives from federal contractors. Deep Water Point helps over 100 companies large and small win contracts with the Federal Government.

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**William Eggers**

*Executive Director, Deloitte's Center for Government Insights*

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William Eggers is the executive director of Deloitte's Center for Government Insights where he is responsible for the firm's public sector thought leadership.

His new book is *Delivering on Digital: The Innovators and Technologies that are Transforming Government*.

His eight other books include *The Solution Revolution: How Government, Business, and Social Enterprises are Teaming up to Solve Society's Biggest Problems* (Harvard Business Review Press 2013). The book, which *The Wall Street Journal* calls "pulsating with new ideas about civic and business and philanthropic engagement," was named to ten best books of the year lists.

His other books include *The Washington Post* best seller *If We Can Put a Man on the Moon: Getting Big Things Done in Government* (Harvard Business Press, 2009), *Governing by Network* (Brookings, 2004), and *The Public Innovator's Playbook* (Deloitte Research 2009). He coined the term *Government 2.0* in a book by the same name. His commentary has appeared in dozens of major media outlets including the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and the *Chicago Tribune*.



**Jim Gravatte**

*CEO and Owner, CADD Microsystems*

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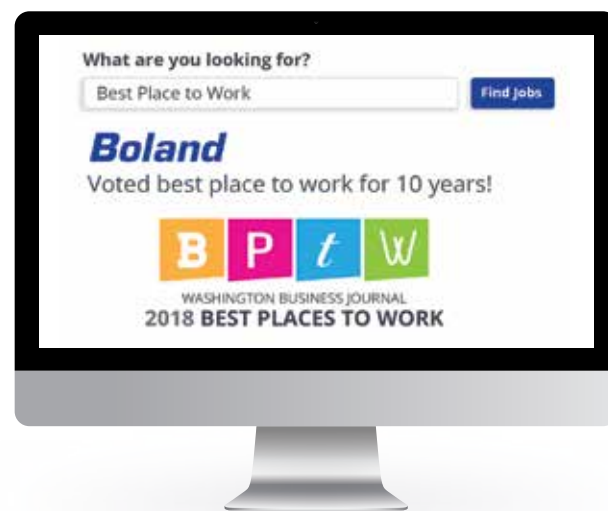
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Mr. Gravatte is the CEO and owner of CADD Microsystems, headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia. He graduated from George Mason University's School of Volgenau School of Information Technology and Engineering and holds a Bachelors of Science in Electronic and Computer Engineering.

Mr. Gravatte began his career as a Vertical Transportation Specialist, where he was involved in the redesign and retrofit of Elevator and Escalator systems. He eventually founded CADD Microsystems to help design and construction firms become more profitable using CAD technology.

He is recognized as an expert in CAD and BIM applications speaking frequently at conferences and seminars. Today, CADD Microsystems serves more than 10,000 organizations in the Mid-Atlantic region, offering training, and consulting and software sales for Autodesk products.

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