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CMCEF CONFERENCE "EARLY- BIRD" CUT OFF FEBRUARY 20

Early Bird and Hotel Cut-Off for CMCEF Middle Management Conference – Strategies for Jobsite Success – February 20th - To take advantage of the early bird registration discount for the CMCEF Middle Management Conference and to guarantee your hotel room booking you **must** submit all registrations by Saturday, February 20th. To register on line [click here](#) or to download a PDF of the complete brochure visit the CMCEF website at www.cmcef.org.

This year, the conference case study, led by industry experts Tim Wentz and Tom Williams, focuses on strategies to make your jobsite a success. Sessions will be covered on BIM, mitigating project risk, identifying LEED risks, improving productivity, building trust on the jobsite, managing project change, turning a job around, improving performance through commissioning and retro-commissioning, and building collaborative customer relationships.

For further information please contact CMCEF via email at cmcef@cmcef.org or call (613)232-5169.

MCA ALBERTA "HOGGERS" DONATE TO HAITI RELIEF

Red Deer Alberta, January 28 – 31, 2010 – During MCA Alberta's Annual Provincial Curling Bonspiel, those participating made a decision to use a unique and fun method to raise donations to Haiti Relief.

Curlers who slide past the hog line, "hoggers", have traditionally contributed a fee to the "Hog Pot". Under normal circumstances, the "Hog Pot" runs about \$150.00, which is then donated to a local charity. All 34 teams agreed to support the decision to contribute to Haiti Relief and an impressive \$1,229.80 was raised. Hats off to all those "hoggers" out there and MCA Alberta would urge any other MCA hosting such a tournament to consider this as a possible fundraiser.

CHECK OUT THE HOT JOBS CAREER CENTRE

Need someone for a job? Looking for a career? - Look to MCA Canada's website and the "Hot Jobs" webpage. There are currently dozens of career opportunities available along with many more resumes of potential hiring candidates.

The "Hot Jobs" site a single-source location for members of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Canada to **post job opportunities** and for those looking for careers or a change in their career, to **post their resume**. If you are looking to post available positions or your resume, please forward you information to daryl@mcac.ca in MS Word or .pdf format.

Also on the website are links to the "Careers in Construction" and the "Temporary Foreign Worker" segments of the Construction Sector Council website which are highly informative and valuable career information. Visit www.mcac.ca!

BUY AMERICAN AGREEMENT REACHED

Last week, the Government of Canada announced Canada and the United States have reached an agreement that would allow Canadian companies to participate in U.S. infrastructure projects financed under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Act). Under the agreement, Canadian suppliers will be provided access to state and local public works projects under the Recovery Act in a range of areas, including programs of the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Environmental Protection Agency. By opening up their procurement markets, the provinces and territories have ensured that Canadian firms have continued access to U.S. markets and that North American supply chains remain strong. [Click Here](#) for more! (Source: CCA weekly February 9, 2010)

INDUSTRY BY THE NUMBERS

According to Statistics Canada, employment increased by 43,000 in January pushing the unemployment rate down 0.1 percentage points to 8.3%. January marks the fourth employment gain in six months. Despite little change over the past three months, employment in construction has increased by 56,000 since last July. [Click here](#) for more. Contractors took out \$6.2 billion in building permits in December, up 2.4% from November and 32.6% higher than in December 2008. For more information on building permits please [click here](#). (Source: CCA Weekly February 9, 2010)

ASSOCIATES CORNER – NCI Marketing

Dale Findlay, VP Sales & Operation at NCI Marketing announces that Spectrum Sales Agency of Edmonton and Calgary has joined the NCI Marketing team as sales agents for Alberta. Mick DeLauw, Doug Franklin and Scott Coxford will cover the province and backing them up on the inside will be Tim Young in the Edmonton office. Spectrum Sales has offices and warehouses in Calgary (403-255-8332) and Edmonton (780-486-2525). Gary Niven of G.R. Niven Sales will assist our team in Alberta and will continue to service the Irrigation industry. For more information visit www.nci-marketing.com.