



I have a P.E. - Why should I get certified as a CCM???

CMAA membership in the Southern California chapter cuts across all segments of the construction industry, as indeed the educational background of our members spans an equally broad. However, if you scan the list of Certified Construction Managers (CCMs), you will notice that few of our members that are registered as Professional Engineers (P.E.) have pursued the CCM qualification. This year, the CCM Committee will continue to reach out to all of our members, and encourage CCM certification, but this message is aimed at those of you who would normally respond “Why do I need the CCM, I have a P.E.?”.

During a recent informal poll, our local members who have both the CCM and P.E. shared their reasons for pursuing the certification. The reasons range from “pursuing the CCM at the request of my employer” to “separating myself from the crowd”, to “demonstrating specialization as a construction management professional”. The general consensus is that CCM certification differentiates construction managers from engineers, and shows a core competence in CM practices that licensure as a Professional Engineer does not.

There was a general recognition among many that I contacted that as the construction management business becomes more specialized, and the consequences of a CM’s actions become more critical, the value of certification and recognition will increase until CCM certification becomes the standard that our clients expect and demand. This has already occurred with some clients including the Los Angeles Unified School District and the County of San Diego. We encourage you not to wait until required CCM Certification prevents you from qualifying for that next project. Take the next step and contact us for direction and support in obtaining your CCM today!

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