



# CMAA GULF COAST CHAPTER

## Engineering and Construction: It's A Risky Business

Friday, October 26, 2018

11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.  
Registration & Lunch

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Introduction & Announcements

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Presentation with Q&A

### LOCATION:

1515 Poydras Street  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Auditorium  
New Orleans, LA 70112

### EARLY REGISTRATION\*:

Member: \$25  
Guest: \$35  
Students: \$5

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Includes Registration, Lunch and CEUs.

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Every engineering and construction project has risks, and those risks ultimately will be placed on the engineer and/or contractor. The seasoned professionals in engineering and construction value assessing a project's risk factors from the start. Many owners, as well as their project managers, don't like to even consider the possibilities of highly-likely threats that can impact schedule, budget, and quality, let alone how to mitigate these threats by assessing risk. There are three types of risk that will be identified in this presentation, the risks that are known, the risks that are unknown, and worst of all, and the unknown risks that you don't know about.

### FEATURED SPEAKER

Deborah D. Keller, PE is a professional civil engineer who served as chief engineer at the



Port of New Orleans for 27 years. In 2015, Ms. Keller began her own engineering firm, Deborah D. Keller and Partners, where she is the CEO and principal engineer. During her port career, which spans nearly 40 years, Ms. Keller directed the design and construction of nearly \$1 billion in public works projects. She holds a BS in Civil Engineering from Tulane University and a MS in Engineering Management from the University of New Orleans. She specializes in public works projects, especially port engineering, strategic planning, engineering management, and writing grant applications for capital improvement projects for Federal, State and local funding. Her many awards include Woman of the Year by the New Orleans City Business, Outstanding Government Civil Engineer by ASCE, Distinguished Engineering Alumnus Award by the University of New Orleans, and most recently, the recipient of the ASCE Lifetime Achievement Award from both the Louisiana Section and New Orleans

Branch. Ms. Keller has served in leadership roles for several business, professional, and non-profit organizations and is currently chair of the St. Bernard Economic Development Foundation. She is a member of the Nunez Community College Foundation Board and a promoter of careers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to young people. A former president of ASCE New Orleans Branch, she chaired the 2017 Louisiana Infrastructure Report Card for Ports and Waterway.

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