



## COMMUNITY MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ INITIATIVE

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Community-Based Leadership and Action for change. It is time. Time to take time. To make a difference. With the constant discussion and reality of the need to improve our education system, our workforce, our healthcare system and others aspects of our community life, the design and construction industry has a unique opportunity to serve our community. Continuing to improve what we have accomplished through change and serving by being a model and helping the rest of our community change.

The design and construction industry has created and modeled productive change for decades. Partnering to eliminate law suites and improve our work and safety at work, change in the public sector project delivery methods (Design-Build, CM@Risk, JOC), green building for our environment, and of course, mentor-protégé relationships for small business development, are all examples that unique In our community.

We are in an industry that includes creativity, engineering, building to meet schedules and budgets while achieving quality and a safe work place, the need for efficiency and for effectiveness in use of labor and resources, enhancing our environment, and meeting the demands for providing facilities and infrastructure that support much of our community life, home, school, work, healthcare, transportation, utilities, etc. Our work requires we get something done and that we find solutions to do so.

Solution and relationship focused, is unique.

With our experience in designing and building to achieve goals and our experience in creating and implementing change to improve, we have an opportunity and a responsibility to share this experience and serve our community to overcome our challenges.

Take time. Help our community take time. Time that will save lives and dollars, now and in the future. Listen for and take opportunities to help. Ask one of the CMPI team members.

We can – will make a difference – together.

**Our future is at stake.**

**Sincerely yours,  
Steve Swanson**



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During this quarter, CMPI continued to facilitate a series of meetings with community partners and interested parties to focus on how we, as a larger community, can help resolve workforce related issues and concerns over unacceptable rates of student drop outs from high school. There is a need for those entering the work force to have necessary skills and ethics to enter into the construction field and related trades. Please let us know if you are, or know of an organization that would like to participate in helping with viable sustainable solutions. A new web site has been developed for this community based effort at [WWW.CLARI.ORG](http://WWW.CLARI.ORG) There has also been concerns raised on current workforce.

**We are supporting this activity to help grow our younger workforce into productive citizens; in both the short and long run that will improve the availability of the construction workforce**

**We are proud to recognize one of our new Mentors, Melvin White who is with MRSW and mentoring Mike Huerta, Advanced Wireless Solutions ([www.AWSOLUTIONS.NET](http://www.AWSOLUTIONS.NET))** Melvin is President of MRSW Management. MRSW stands for professionally “Managing Resources and Services in the Workplace” His company was founded with the concept that successful IT contracted services must contain the components of high quality, industry certification and professional personnel knowledgeable in multiple technical disciplines. MRSW prides itself on flexibility being one of their greatest assets. The MRSW team offers to provide their clients with the highest quality possible. Processes and procedures are core components in providing reliable and repeatable services. Therefore, as part of the MRSW continuing effort to improve, reviews are completed for each job to determine applicability, accuracy and opportunities for improvement. MRSW is an Austin based company established in 1998 by Melvin White. They are located at 2209 Rosewood Ave, Austin, Texas 78702

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**Contact our offices if you have any questions or would like more information.**

**Please contact us if you, or know of a firm that would be interested in becoming a partner.**