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Project Updates

The past year has been a very active and successful one for ACMA. We've been engaged in a number of diversified projects, both large and small, that have allowed us to flex our problem-solving capabilities, showcase our analytical skills and demonstrate our commitment to delivering premium services at an exceptional value.

One project that's now coming to a close is the design and construction of TxDOT's Galveston-Port Bolivar ferry, the John W. Johnson. As the owner's representative, we've been a part of the process throughout this vessel's development.



OTC 2011 Technical Sessions Taking Shape

As the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers (SNAME) committee chair, ACMA VP Darrel Harvey has assisted SNAME's sister societies in putting together another interesting technical session program for OTC 2011.

With the help of the American Welding Society, Darrel has prepared a session on new technologies in welding. Donald Burris, Darrel's co-chair, has developed a technical session that will focus on advances in computational fluid dynamics (CFD) software being utilized in a variety of ways to solve today's complex problems. Finally, an alternate session has also been created for the introduction of

new materials and processes to the market.

According to Darrel, "Working with the OTC 2011 program committee has provided me with the opportunity to explore the 'leading edges' of today's technologies and that allows all of us at ACMA to be better informed so we can assist our customers in solving their problems. Equally important, by volunteering for this important industry show, I've developed a great circle of friends and fellow chairs who have become a valuable network of resources."



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From the Top

For me, 2010 will be remembered as a year of extremes.

Extreme disappointment when the Gulf of Mexico and all of its coastal communities had to experience the nightmare of dealing with the BP Deepwater Horizon accident.

Extreme satisfaction as ACMA celebrated our 35th Anniversary and relocated our corporate headquarters from its original location. Our new offices have not only allowed us to upgrade our furniture, fixtures and equipment, they've also provided us with a fresh, new environment that will accommodate our growth during the next decade.



And finally, extreme excitement for the opportunity to meet and spend time with American radio personality

and creator of *A Prairie Home Companion*, Garrison Keillor, as a result of ACMA's donation to support public television in the Houston community.

Scott C. McClure, *President*

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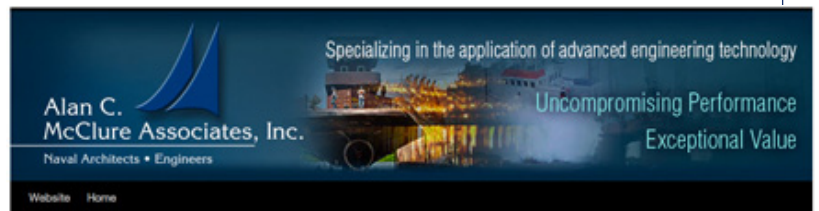
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Fair Winds
for the Holiday
and
Calm Seas
for the New Year.*

Can We Talk?

Have you had a chance to visit ACMA's new blog? If not, we hope you'll take a few minutes to check it out at <http://acma-inc.com/blog>. We launched our blog over a month ago to open another avenue of communication with and for our industry. Of course, in addition to updating you on our activities and



observations, we're encouraging everyone to add their comments on any of our posts so this can become a two-way street.

Meet the Newest Member of the ACMA Team

ACMA recently brought on board a new Texas A & M graduate, Andres Chapa. According to Scott McClure, Andres proved to be a very quick study during our in-house employee training program. But, that isn't too surprising given his impressive school credentials. Andres also brings us the extra benefit of being fluent in Spanish – a skill that's very useful in a market that's becoming increasingly important to ACMA.

Of course, Andres, like any new employee who joins our team, will get the opportunity to work

in a number of different disciplines so he can be exposed to various areas in our consulting engineering environment. This will allow him to learn how the process fits together. This training will also help him decide where his interests may be so he can focus on those disciplines.



Andres Chapa