

Tufts CEE Seminar Series Presents



Paul Atkins, PE

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Topic: Engineers in Construction – Great Opportunities Ahead

Friday April 16, 2021 – 12:00 PM – Eastern Time (US & Canada) – Virtual Event

Mr. Atkins has 30 years of experience in the heavy civil construction industry. Upon graduation from Tufts University, he accepted a position with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) working in Highway Operations, Construction Project Management and Program Coordination. He soon received his master's degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley. He joined Halmar in 1993 as a Field Engineer and is currently an owner and Chief Operations Officer for the company. Under Mr. Atkins' leadership, Halmar has grown to execute award-winning projects, such as one of New York State Department of Transportation's (NYSDOT's) largest projects in history, the \$420M rehabilitation of the Alexander Hamilton Bridge and Interchanges (ASCE Metropolitan Section Award for Excellence Achievement); New York City's fast-track Design-Build construction of the Yankee Stadium Train Station (DBIA-NY Tri-State project of the year); and the NYSDOT Patroon Island Bridge project, which is the largest project in the NY Capital District (ACEC Engineering Excellence Honor Award). Currently, Halmar is working on some of the most complex bridge, highway, aviation, rail & mass transit, underground and energy transportation projects, including the \$1.8B Long Island Railroad (LIRR) Third Track Expansion DB, the \$260M WMATA Potomac Yards Train Station DB in Alexandria, VA and the \$319M NYSDOT Van Wyck Expressway Contract 2 DB. As a recognized leader in Design-Build, Mr. Atkins is a registered Professional Engineer, was listed in the inaugural 2021 *City & State the Construction Power 50 List* and is the recipient of the 2017 ASCE Met Section-LHV *Engineer in Construction Award*.

The seminar will discuss the exciting opportunities that are available to engineers from programs like Tufts' CEE Department in the field of construction. The talk will highlight the varied types of projects Mr. Atkins has been integrally involved in at Halmar. The talk will provide insight into the exciting opportunities that engineers have in this field, and how those opportunities have grown tremendously with the rapid arrival of Design Build and the growing P3 (Public Private Partnership) market. Coupled with the anticipated and long-overdue major infrastructure plan for the USA, now is a great time for engineers to seriously consider building a successful career in this field.