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Come and join your CSI colleagues and friends for an evening of conversation, a bit of fun, and general down time from the holidays and work. We will be convening at the Ship's Cabin in East Beach, Ocean View for drinks and dinner and an opportunity to get to know one another by the fireside with a view of the Bay.

The topic is seasonal, altho' there may be a surprise. Bring your best bud or squeeze or come stag if you please.

Tis the Season to celebrate the coming end of the year and welcoming of all things new.

The cost will be reasonable, the food and conversation great!

So in the Spirit of teamwork that is CSI, we'll see you on the 8th for merrymet and mirth.

Yours in CSI

TVA CSI Board

Drinks: 6:00 pm

Seating for Dinner: 6:30 pm

Location: Ships Cabin
4110 E. Ocean View
Norfolk, VA 23518



THE DON'T FORGET STUFF!

Registration open for CSI's spring certification exams

Registration is now open for the spring CDT and advanced certification exams (CCCA, CCS, CCPR), which will be offered March 29 through April 3, 2010. The early registration deadline is Jan. 29, 2010, and the final registration deadline is Feb. 26, 2010. For more information call Margaret Chewing or go to CSInet.org/certification.

Fundamental Formats Workshop Sign up

Dates are set for this year's workshop check the

RSVP for our social by COB on Friday Dec 4, so we will have a place waiting for you!

Leave a message at 757-502-5592 or eguran@cox.net to save you a place at dinner.

No-shows will get a coal in their stocking!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**CSI's PENDING CHANGES
and LOOKING AHEAD**

I want to give our Chapter members a snapshot of CSI news revealed at our Mid-Atlantic Region Conference held in Charlottesville, VA, in October: Mitch Miller, Institute Director, revealed that soon CSI will merge its membership categories, so there will be no more distinction between "professional" members and "industry" members. Also, CSI will make it possible for those wanting to form CSI chapters in remote locations in the country to do so virtually. In my personal estimation, nothing can really replace the camaraderie of "face-to-face" member networking and communication. However, the drive to communicate is so very important within CSI's mission, and in the design and construction fields in general, that this is a very wise move. Our chief executive, Walter Marlowe, is a very competent communicator, and he supports these changes, as does our Institute Board.

This is also the time of year to consider your own career and knowledge base. CSI's Certification Exams will be given March 29 – April 3, 2010, and registration is now open for the CDT, the CCS, the CCPR, and the CCCA exams at www.csinet.org. The early registration (save \$50) deadline is January 29, 2010, and the final registration deadline is February 26, 2010. Earning new credentials by passing these exams are real achievements to be celebrated. They demonstrate to the design and construction community that you are an authority in your chosen field. We would welcome more expertise in our Chapter. Contact Margaret Chewning or me for more details.

Finally, do add Tuesday, January 12, 2010 to your calendars, if it is not already there. It will be our first meeting of the New Year, and we will enjoy a presentation dealing with the procurement of government projects.

In the meantime, I hope to greet each of you at our holiday social dinner on Tuesday, December 8th. See the announcement elsewhere in this edition of "The Communicator."

Cordially,

Richard Rivin

Chapter President



Richard A. Rivin FCSI AIA CCS LEED AP

Note from the Editor:

My apologies for the latest of this issue of the Communicator. The November NorEaster and a project deadline played Murphy with getting the Communicator done this month. By next month I'll be in a more stable living and working environment and I'll have Angela fully on board assisting with the newsletter. Have a Happy Christmas/Hanukkah/Kwanzaa/Holiday and see you in the New Year.

Margaret

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP

CHAPTER MEETINGS TO EXPLORE NEW THEMES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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| Our chapter meetings are exploring new themes and innovations within the construction industry this year. Add these dates and topics to your calendar for lunch. | 12/09 | Holiday Social - Ship's Cabin |
| Thank you to Bruce Grulke CSI AIA for providing an informative and interesting discussion on the trials and tribulations of working on one of America's most beloved landmarks. His description of the work he organized and the many personalities he encountered on the project were enlightening as well as hilarious at times. | 1/12/10 | TBD |
| In January we will have Joseph Moore, II, CPCM, CCAS, Director for the Hampton Roads Center for the Procurement Technical Assistance Program (PTAP), speaking on the Federal/State Funded program providing support for all types and sizes of business firms by ensuring that qualified Virginia business firms are able to seek, bid on, and perform work under either Federal or Virginia State contracts. Joseph has been associated with the Program Technical Assistance Program since October 1, 2005 after establishing the office in Newport News. We look forward to learning more from Joseph on this topic. | 2/9/10 | Hampton Roads Building Products Show & Seminars |
| | 3/9/10 | BIM - An Overview |
| | 4/13/10 | Acquiring Government Projects |
| | 5/4/10 | TBD |
| | 6/8/10 | TVA Awards Dinner |

GREEN BUILDING OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE: THE LEED IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS

Presented by the U.S. Green Building Council & Hampton Roads Green Building Council



**December 9, 2009,
8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Chesapeake, VA
Damuth Trane
1100 Cavalier Blvd.
Room Name: Training Center
Chesapeake, VA 23323**

This workshop is intended for building owners, operators and suppliers who are familiar with the LEED for Existing Buildings: Operations & Maintenance Rating System, but new to implementing it on projects or looking to brush up on implementation best practices. It is also useful for design professionals, investors and others seeking to enhance their existing buildings with green operations. It is appropriate for new LEED APs, as well as those pursuing GBCI's LEED AP Building Operations + Maintenance credential.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After completing this course, you will be able to:

- Communicate the purpose and benefits of the LEED for Existing Buildings: Operations & Maintenance rating system
- Facilitate the LEED process with all stakeholders
- Utilize the tools available to support LEED implementation and documentation
- Successfully develop and implement a plan for LEED certification and recertification

Participants of this workshop are to come prepared with familiarity of the LEED for Existing Buildings: Operations & Maintenance Rating System, which is free on our website. Paid Participants also receive exclusive online access to the Reference Guide. Registered participants will also receive short case studies to review in preparation of the course.

Registration Includes:

- Access to download a non-printable version of the LEED Reference Guide for Green Building Operations and Maintenance, 2009 Edition within 30 days after the workshop. Participants will also have the option to order one copy of the Reference Guide (either hard copy or E-Book) at a discounted rate. No exchanges or refunds will be offered for the Reference Guides.
- Educational handouts
- Continental breakfast, lunch and refreshment breaks

For all workshop inquiries, email workshop@usgbc.org or call 800-795-1747.

If the minimum attendance of 25 is not reached, USGBC reserves the right to cancel the workshop up to one week prior. All registered attendees will be contacted directly by USGBC in the event that the workshop is cancelled.

| COST | Before | On or |
|--|------------------------------|----------|
| | 12/01/09 | After |
| | | 12/02/09 |
| USGBC National Member* | \$345 | \$375 |
| Non-member | \$445 | \$495 |
| Student (Full-time students only) | \$150 (limited availability) | |

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

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|---------------------------|---|
| AIA/CES HSW/SD LU: | 7 |
| BOMI (CPD): | 7 |
| CSI (CEU): | 7 |
| IFMA (CFM/FMP): | 7 |

CHALLENGING ECONOMY MAKES ATTENDING TRADESHOWS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

Findings of this new study indicate that attending leading conventions and tradeshow during a recession keeps executives informed and competitive in a challenging economy.

In a recession, it is more important than ever to keep up-to-date with industry trends, see new products and services, and maintain and build relationships - all areas in which events provide significant value and efficiency. Main findings include:

1. 96% of CEOs and other senior executives say they are attending their industry's most important events this year - a significant 89% of all survey respondents.
2. 88% percent of attendees said they consider conventions and tradeshow to be an important part of their product sourcing and buying process.
3. 87% agree that conventions and tradeshow are essential for comparing products and meeting suppliers in person.
4. 50% of attendees said that missing key events may negatively impact their future personal or organizational performance.

.**SOURCE: Tradeshow Week. "The Value of Attending Conventions & Tradeshow in a Recession"

SAVE THE DATE



Tidewater Virginia Chapter
Announces:

HAMPTON ROADS BUILDING PRODUCTS SHOW AND SEMINARS

Holiday Inn Executive Center, Virginia Beach

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2010

"INNOVATIONS IN CONSTRUCTION"

- Sixteen seminars
- All seminars provide CEU points
- Product Show Entry is FREE! To discover new materials and applications for your projects.
- Lunch included
- Door prizes

For more information and to register:

www.csitidewatervirginia.org

Or email: debi.ern@cox.net

PLAN NOW...

to attend CONSTRUCT2010, the 54th CSI Annual Convention and The TFM Show May 12-14, 2010 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, PA. This is the event you won't want to miss, packed with education, a one-day White Paper Symposium, a full exhibit hall floor, cross-industry networking, special activities, technical tours, student competition, the CSI Annual Convention and much more!

Online Attendee Registration opens mid-January 2010

Plan now to attend this powerful event for the commercial building, design, specification, **FORESIGHT is POWER.** construction, renovation and facilities management professional.

The 54th CSI Annual Convention | 100's of exhibits, products and services | Technical Tours
Education in the classroom and on the show floor | Network across industries and with peers
Earn CEUs for AIA/CES, CSI CEN, IFMA/CFM, BOMI/CPD and REFP/CEFPI | Special Activities
White Paper Symposium | Insight you need to face the future.

CONSTRUCT 2010 **THE TFM SHOW**

Exhibits: May 12-14, 2010 | Education: May 11-14, 2010 | Pennsylvania Convention Center | Philadelphia, PA

Computer model: First, expand Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel, widen I-64

By Austin Bogues and Kimball Payne 247-4536 247-4765;

The first test of a computer model designed to rank regional transportation projects put an expanded [Hampton Roads Bridge-Tunnel](#) in the top slot, validating the howls of Peninsula lawmakers and commuters who have long argued for upgrades at the region's worst choke point.

"I think it tells us what we have known all along," said Sen. John C. Miller, D-Newport News.

The rankings also dealt a blow to advocates of a third crossing from the Peninsula to [Hampton Roads](#). It scored well behind other projects, including an extension of the Midtown Tunnel and HRBT.

However, any computer model is only one factor in choosing the region's top project. And the rankings could change as the computer model is refined and more projects are tested.

Ultimately, the tough choice still falls to the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization, which includes elected officials from every Hampton Roads city and county.

"The decision is still theirs," said Dwight Farmer, the planning organization's executive director.

Then comes the quest for money. With [Virginia](#) facing a tight budget, it is unclear how much the state will have available to spend on major improvements over the short term.

The computer ranked a pair of Peninsula projects first and second, with the widening of Interstate 64 to Williamsburg in second place. That represents a test for leaders hoping to build regional consensus in an area where the larger population — and voting base — is in South Hampton Roads.

For years, major transportation upgrades in Hampton Roads have been repeatedly blocked by bickering among local leaders over which projects to build. This summer, Virginia Beach Mayor Will Sessoms and [Hampton](#) Mayor Molly Joseph Ward began pushing for a single local project as a top priority, believing that the region's bulky and unranked wish list was blocking incremental improvements.

The local leaders who set the region's road priorities on the planning organization have listed six projects as top needs. But with a price tag of at least \$10 billion and a tight state budget, there has been little progress.

So local planners decided to reopen the debate, and the computer model weighed a laundry list of 43 tunnel and

interstate projects based on congestion relief, cost, safety, viability and other criteria.

Eventually, more than 200 projects will be included. Local officials were quick to point out that could change the results.

Farmer called the priority list a "living document" and said it could take as long as a year to have a full discussion. As the process is refined, the rankings could change.

"I think we're pretty close to being valid," Farmer said. "We've got some tweaking to do."

Del. [G. Glenn Oder](#), R-Newport News, also stressed that Thursday's test run was just a demonstration.

"This process is good for Hampton Roads, if a project comes out and says expand the HRBT and widen 64 west," he said. "It's not that those are just good for the Peninsula. It's good for Hampton Roads."

"Let's create the model, let's see what projects are the most important for our region. You have to have a level of viability," he said.

Oder recently won re-election on a campaign that stressed expanding the HRBT, but he said it is important to support projects that "are ready to go."

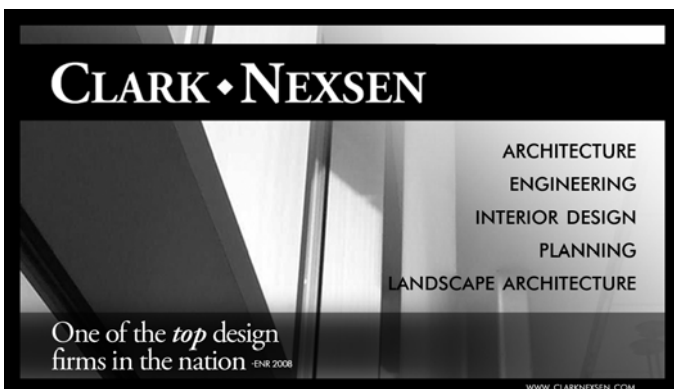
Sessoms, whom many local officials have viewed as a driving force being the "get something done" mentality, said that if the data support widening I-64, it is a victory for the region.

"I would view that as a benefit to drivers in Virginia Beach," he said, noting that South Hampton Roads motorists experience delays traveling through the Peninsula near [Busch Gardens](#) and [Colonial Williamsburg](#).

He also added that despite the first test run showing the HRBT ahead, the rankings were fairly close with the Midtown Tunnel.

RANKINGS OF PROJECTS HIGHWAYS:

1. I-64 widening (Peninsula)
2. I-264 interchange improvements
3. Route 58/Holland Road
4. I-64 widening in South Hampton Roads
5. I-64/Norview Ave. interchange
6. U.S. 17/J. Clyde Morris Boulevard
7. Route 60 relocation (Newport News/James)



Construction Specifications Institute Tidewater VA Chapter 2010 Fundamental Formats Workshop

**Thursday Evenings
February 11 - March 27**

Location/Time: Office of Clark Nexsen,
6160 Kempsville Circle, Suite 200,
Norfolk, VA 23502
6-9 pm, Thursdays

Purpose:

Workshop is intended to acquaint **building design and construction professionals, owners** involved with construction projects, and **construction product representatives** with the fundamental formats of Construction Documents as provided in CSI's Manual of Practice (MOP) and to prepare candidates for CSI's Certification Exam program. This is not a lecture series. Participants are expected to read and discuss material scheduled for each session in a workshop setting.

Topics:

- Fundamentals including:
 - Organizational Formats used in Construction Documents
 - Defining the activities related to converting the program into Construction Documents
 - Sustainability issues, GreenFormat, IPD Guide and the GSA BIM Guide.
- Planning and Predesign
 - Project Conception and Delivery
- Design
 - Activities and documents associated with Schematic Design and Design Development
 - Elements of Construction Documents, and how to coordinate them properly.
- Procurement
 - Process of bidding, Negotiating and Contracting to purchase the Work.
- Construction
 - Activities and Procedures related to the administration of the Contract.
- Post-Construction
 - Activities and documents related to transition from construction to ongoing facility management
- Overall review for Certification candidates in a Saturday session with emphasis on CCS and CCCA exam requirements.

Agenda for each Session:

Overview/ Light supper
Presentation of Topic Material
Discussion and Review

NOTE: Signing up for the workshop does NOT register you for a CSI certification exam.

Materials Required

Study Guide: Received as part of exam registration.
If not taking the exam, this is provided at \$10.00
PRM - CSI Manual of Practice may be ordered through the workshop for \$220.00.

Cost for Workshop: \$125.00 (to cover cost of light meal and handouts)

Please contact CSI at www.CSInet.org to register for the exam.

The Job Board



With the current condition of the economy and our industry in particular, CSI is more valuable than ever. As a networking opportunity to find a job or to fill a position the connections we make through our chapters as colleagues and friends are critical resources for each and everyone of us. Institute has resources on the CSInet.org site, called the Career Center where members may post positions and their resumes for free.

If you find yourself laid off as many of our colleagues have been, IMMEDIATELY contact CSI to update your CSI profile and contact information! We have found contacting Customer Service by phone 800-689-2900 is the most effective way to do this. Then go to the Career Center and post your resume.

Below are changes in contact information for some of our colleagues looking for new positions. If you become aware of an opportunity, please let them know.

If you have an opportunity available or coming up, send the Communicator the information to post next month.

CSI CDT's located in the Tidewater VA Area

The Tidewater VA area is fortunate to have a number of persons holding the Construction Document Technology Certificate (CDT) working here. Their knowledge of the fundamentals of construction documents are of value to any project. Below are listed the names of CDT's located and working here. If you happen to recognize a name, congratulate them on their achievement and encourage them to step up to the Certification applicable to their specific field of work. CCS, Certification Construction Specifier; CCCA, Certified Construction Contracts Administrator; and CCPR, Certified Construction Products Representative.

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| Goodman, Nellie Kate | Baskette, Peter | Ridenoure, Jennifer | Moser, Rose |
| Wentland, Jacob | Belcher, Robert | Rogers, Glenn | Redford, Warren |
| Davilli, Nicole | Cizenski, Michael | Simmons, Samuel | Sanford, Detric |
| Hentz, Stephen | Clymer, Wesley | Spalding, Stephanie | Sobota, Dennis |
| Humphrey, James | Conley, Bryan | Wodzinski, Timothy | Urbi, Anne |
| Perlas, Gerlyn | Cook, Steven | Long, Allen | Brauner, Randell |
| Weaver, Akia | Cunningham, William | Dunn, James | Armstrong, Phil |
| Roberts, Jessie | Curry, Garrey | Roberts, Paul | Khedar, Amine |
| Spiker, Jerry | Glass, James | Parker, Robert | Puglia, Paul |
| Craig, Natalie | Hixon, William | Bowry, Earl | Cravey, Lee |
| Dunbar, Arthur | Jacobs, Gary | Stafford, Steven | Seagraves, James |
| George, William | Lamoureux, David | Hedberg, David | |
| Haynie, William | Leto, Brian | Miller, Steven | |
| Kerns, Jason | Lloyd, Kenneth | Gill, Tom | |
| Mallory, David | Matteson, Keith | Ashton, Sharon | |
| Mearns, Katherine | M'Coy, William | Strickland, C. | |
| Schwerin, Scott | Murray, Craig | Clifford, Barry | |
| Sulik, Lizanne | Petery, Joel | Correia, Paul | |
| Wagner, Jamie | Phillips, Kevin | Luce, George | |
| Wiener, Philip | Phipps, Scott | Bumbaco, Michael | |
| Wilkins, Anthony | Pimblett, James | Clough, Shelton | |
| Worstell, John | Poglese, Ashley | Bolick, Lloyd | |
| Gonzalez-Vargas, Yamilet | Pollard, Jonathan | Williams, Ronald | |
| Nissen, Maria | Ramamurthy, Aditya | Gallagher, Jerold | |

THE JOB BOARD- LOOKING FOR GOOD LEADERS

Your elected board needs to fill some critical chair and committee appointments needed for the business of the chapter. Below we will highlight each committee with a synopsis of what they do and who is currently serving on the Committee.

Please think on where your interests lie and where you would like to participate in the work of the chapter. Contact the indicated chair to offer your assistance or let Rick know with the form on the next page you can lend your leadership skills to the work of the Chapter.

ACTIVE CHAPTER COMMITTEES AND WHAT THEY DO:

Program -

Chair: Tom Gill Jr. CSI

- Organize and schedule program topics for each chapter meeting.
- Prepare program synopsis for the Communicator.

Education

Hospitality

Academic Affairs

Technical -

Awards -

Program -

Membership

Certification

Publications -

Products Show

Hospitality

Chair: Eric Guran CSI

- Make recommendations and arrangements for locations used for Chapter Meetings, Socials and other events.
- Receive reservations for Chapter Meetings and receive payment for lunch fees.
- Organize member greeters at meetings.

MEMBER NEWS!

Welcome to our newest members!

Melvin G. Rosado Jr., CSI-S, a recent grad of Norfolk State, construction engineering program.

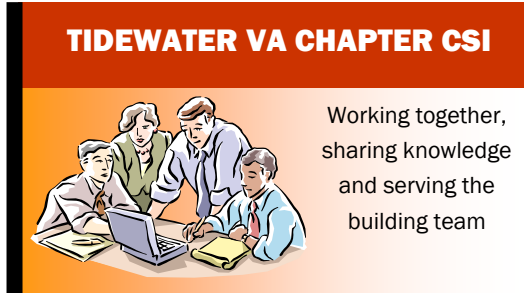
Anne C. Urbj, CSI, CDT, an architect at Clark Nexsen Associates.

Thanks to all members who have renewed their membership this past month.

Contact Information Changes:

Due to the recent NorEaster that wiped out Willoughby Spit, Margaret Chewing (SpexResources) has had to relocate her office temporarily to the offices of Stroud Pence Associates. Phone and email have not changed. Hope to be back to the Spit by spring. .

If you have member news about a new job, new contact info or a special project you may be working on, let us know! Send information to the Communicator Editor: Presbspec@yahoo.com.



Looking for Good Leaders

Please consider where your interests lie and where you would like to participate in the work of the chapter. You receive benefits in kind from what you put into any organization.

Indicate 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice of committee and fax to Rick Rivin at 757-455-5638

Comments:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Certification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Products Show | <input type="checkbox"/> Technical |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Publications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Presenter | <input type="checkbox"/> Program reporter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Awards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Academic Affairs | |

Name

Address

E-mail

Phone

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Time to be thinking about next year! Take an opportunity now to get advertising in the Communicator, and membership dues for a year. Expanded sponsorships are available to reserve your spot at the HRBPS 2010 in February.

Fill out the form below for a FY 10 Chapter Sponsorship, provide a commitment reservation for HRBPS 09 if you wish to exhibit at the Show, and a membership application to save some money next year.

Your sponsorship provides a way to get your name and your company's name out to the design and construction community you serve throughout the year in the Communicator, the chapter's monthly newsletter, a sponsor powerpoint slide presentation shown at every meeting, and reserves your place at next year's show!



We look forward to working with you in the coming year.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsorship type

- Program Sponsor \$100.00
 - Business Card Ad only \$300.00
 - Chapter Sponsor \$600.00
 - Show Sponsor \$1,100.00
- Ad copy is attached
 Please contact me for graphics assistance
- Amount enclosed _____

Method of Payment

- Check
- Bill Me
- Visa
- MasterCard

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

Credit Card # _____ V-Code _____ Exp. date _____

Signature _____

Membership information

I am a current member of the TVA CSI Chapter. I understand that I am responsible for maintaining my membership, My renewal notice for FY10 will be sent to Debbie Cacace upon receipt a minimum of one month prior to renewal. If my renewal information is not forwarded in a timely fashion, I will be responsible for membership renewal.

My membership renewal date is _____

My membership number is _____

I am a new member, my membership application is attached.

Please fill out and fax or mail this page for sponsorship to:
 Debbie Cacace CSI, 509 Viking Drive, Suite B,
 Virginia Beach VA, 23452-7323;
 Fax : 757-486-0855



Tidewater VA Chapter

Program Sponsor - \$100.00

- Business card ad for the month of the program.
- Opportunity to have table top display and brief presentation of product at meeting

Chapter Sponsorship - \$600.00

- Full year CSI dues, Institute and Chapter
- PowerPoint slide shared with another sponsor that continually wraps at all monthly membership meetings
- A Business card ad (2 x 3.5 inches) in The Communicator throughout FY 2010

If not interested in a year of membership dues or a booth, \$300.00 will get a chapter member a Business Card Ad and PowerPoint Slide.

Show Sponsorship - \$1100.00

- Full year CSI dues, Institute and Chapter; see above if already a member.
- A booth or table at the HRBPS 2010
- PowerPoint slide shared with another sponsor that continually wraps at all monthly membership meetings
- A Business card ad (2 x 3.5 inches) in The Communicator throughout FY 2010

We are on the Web!

www.csitidewatervirginia.org

TIDEWATER VIRGINIA CHAPTER CSI

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Tidewater VA Chapter

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