



## 8th Annual FFC – FFC / IFMA Public Policy Forum

### *Success in Construction, Management, and Resilience of Facility Organizations*

#### Agenda

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

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Co-Hosted by the International Facility Management Association and the Federal Facilities Council

- 1:00 PM **Welcome & Overview**
- Jim Whitaker, Chairman, IFMA Board of Directors / Jeff Johnson
  - Jim Rispoli, Chair, Federal Facilities Council / Cameron Oskvig
- 1:15 PM **Congressional Perspective**
- Dan Matthews, Staff Director for Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Building, and Emergency Management
- 1:35 PM **Congressional Perspective**  
Senator Tom Carper (D-DE), Ranking Members Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee
- 2:05 PM **Federal Real Property Policy**
- Ms. Karen Lee, Chief, Management Controls and Assistance Branch, OMB  
*National Strategy for Real Property and the Reduce the Footprint Policy*
- 2:45 PM **Congressional Perspective**
- Congressman Tony Cardenas (D-CA-29), House Energy and Commerce Committee
- 2:45 PM **Break**
- 3:00 PM **Resilience of Public Infrastructure - Aspects of Critical infrastructure maintenance and innovation.**
- Ms. Stephanie Dawson, Acting Chief Operating Officer, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey  
*Storm Mitigation and Resilience*
- 3:45 PM **Federal and Owner Perspective**
- Mr. James Rispoli, Professor of Practice, North Carolina State University Center for Nuclear Energy Facilities and Structures, former Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management  
*Owner Behaviors that Correlate to Successful Construction Projects*
- 3:55 PM **Closing Comments and Questions**
- Jeff Johnson, Cameron Oskvig
- 4:00 PM **Reception**



## Speaker Bios:



### **Stephanie Dawson**

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Acting Chief Operating Officer at the Port Authority of NY & NJ, Stephanie Dawson is responsible for Aviation; Tunnels, Bridges, and Terminals, Port Commerce; and PATH Rail Departments; as well as the Operations Services Department and the Office of Storm Mitigation and Resilience. She has also had responsibility for the Public Safety Department, Office of Emergency Management, and Security Program Management. Her focus is on implementing policies, procedures and practices that enhance coordinated action across the Agency and advances initiatives that enable the seamless common delivery of vital services. Her goal is to preserve the Authority's infrastructure, sustain excellent customer service, and further organizational efficiency.

Dawson is a retired military ordnance and logistics officer, Sustainment Brigade Commander, (NYARNG) and a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

### **Karen F. Lee**

Chief, Management Controls and Assistance Branch  
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Ms. Lee is the Chief of the Management Controls & Assistance Branch, within the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)'s Office of Federal Financial Management. She and her staff are responsible for financial assistance management and Single Audit policy, asset management, and Federal spending transparency under the Open Government Directive. Prior to her tenure as Chief, Ms. Lee served as the Lead Analyst for Open Government, Federal Spending Transparency and a policy analyst at OMB's Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, overseeing homeland security, labor, and education regulatory policy. In addition to her public service, Ms. Lee practiced commercial litigation at Kirkland & Ellis, LLP, in Washington, D.C.

Ms. Lee received a Bachelor of Arts from Colgate University, a Masters in Public Affairs from the Lyndon B. Johnson School at the University of Texas at Austin, and a Juris Doctor from Georgetown University. She is licensed to practice law in the District of Columbia and New York.



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James Rispoli is the Senior Executive Advisor at Project Time & Cost, Inc. where he also served as its immediate past President and Chief Executive Officer. From 2005 to 2008, Mr. Rispoli served as the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environmental Management. In this position, he was responsible for the cleanup of waste and environmental contamination from the nation's nuclear-related research and production activities. Before his appointment as Assistant Secretary of Energy, Mr. Rispoli was Director of the Department of Energy's Office of Engineering and Construction Management. In that position, he was responsible for management policy, assessment and oversight of the Department's facilities, infrastructure and capital projects. Mr. Rispoli has also held executive positions at Booz Allen Hamilton, Dames & Moore's Pacific-Ocean area operations, and M&E Pacific. He served in the United States Navy for twenty-six years, retiring at the rank of Captain from the Civil Engineer Corps where he held executive level environmental and construction management positions. He was Director of Public Works and Facilities and installation commanding officer at several significant locations, including the Pearl Harbor Naval Complex in Hawaii, and Camp David, the Presidential Retreat, in Thurmont, Maryland. Mr. Rispoli earned his Bachelor of Engineering degree in Civil Engineering from Manhattan College, a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of New Hampshire, and a Master's degree in business from Central Michigan University. Mr. Rispoli is a licensed professional engineer in five states and an American Academy of Environmental Engineers' Board Certified Environmental Engineer. Mr. Rispoli was awarded the American Society of Civil Engineers Civil Government Award for 2006, the Secretary of Energy's Exceptional Service Award in 2008, the ASCE's Presidents' Award in 2009 and the ASCE Parcel-Sverdrup Award in 2011. He is a Professor of Practice at North Carolina State University, in Raleigh, NC.