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\*\*\*\*Please note that due to the ongoing nature of the current COVID-19 environment, this month's meeting will be held virtually.\*\*\*\*

Dear SAME Team,

As many of you know all too well, on August 29, 2021, Hurricane Ida made landfall as a major Hurricane with strong Category 4 winds producing a storm surge of 16 feet at its highest point, ironically exactly 16 years and in the same area of Southeast Louisiana that Hurricane Katrina made her devastating landfall. It was the second most intense storm to strike Louisiana – second only to Katrina – and significantly impacted 13 parishes. As destructive as Hurricane Ida's impacts were from triple-digit winds, the investments made in coastal infrastructure since Katrina unquestionably saved countless lives and protected billions of dollars of property from damage by reducing the impact of storm surge on our coastal communities.

Additionally, the federal investment of \$14.6 billion to design and build the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) that surrounds the Greater New Orleans to reduce risk for approximately 900,000 people and \$177 billion in assets performed as designed. While it experienced storm surges up to 13 feet during Ida, the Corps saw no overtopping of it or any federal levee system for that matter. Ida's storm surge on the HSDRRS would have topped the levees that existed during Katrina. Cost benefit discussions can be challenging, but in this case it's undeniable the value of the investment. Hurricane Katrina's recovery cost the Federal government more than \$25 billion for Louisiana alone, a value that significantly exceeds that of the HSDRRS system that protected the Greater New Orleans area during Ida.

I share all of this because many of you have directly contributed to and share in the success of many of the features listed above, be they federal, state or local. As Louisiana's best strategy remains its reliance on multiple-lines-of-defense that includes nature-based features such as barrier islands, marshes, and ridges that complement structures such as levees and floodgates and nonstructural measures such as raised homes and evacuation, engineers like you and organizations like SAME are in the forefront helping to advance the mission. Thank you for all you do for Louisiana. The work we do matters immensely and an event like Ida highlights the need for continued cooperation, collaboration, and communication within our

disciplines. This is what SAME is all about – fostering and growing the relationships and collaboration within the engineering and design communities to achieve the success so critical to our future here in south Louisiana.

As our chapter continues to respond to the fourth surge of the COVID-19 pandemic and has gone back virtual, we are keeping a close eye on the State and Parish data in order to bring our group back together face to face as soon as possible. In the meantime, thank you for your continued involvement virtually and behind the scenes to further advance the mission of SAME here in Louisiana. I am looking forward to hearing our October speaker, Mr. Ramsey Green, the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Infrastructure and Chief Resilience Officer for the City of New Orleans, presentation, as I have worked closely with Mr. Green during numerous natural disasters, but especially so during Ida given the threat to New Orleans. I hope to see (or hear you) online.

Sincerely,

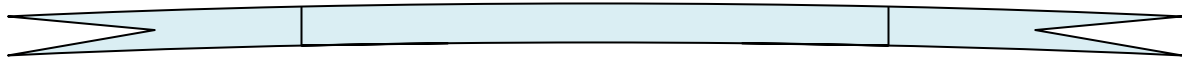
COL Murphy

## **HOST SUSTAINING MEMBER INFORMATION**

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We still have some luncheon meetings available for Sustaining Members to host. Hosting our monthly meetings is a great opportunity to put your firm in the limelight and showcase your firm's experience and abilities. If your firm is interested in hosting one of these meetings, please contact Charlie Settoon at (504) 889-0182.

We would like to thank all the Sustaining Member Firms who have hosted a monthly meeting in the past. If it has been a while since your firm hosted a meeting, you are welcome to host another meeting. Let's continue to show our support for the Louisiana Post through this great professional opportunity.



**MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION AND NEWS**

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**LOUISIANA POST MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021**

**VIRTUAL SOCIAL – 11:45 A.M.**

**POST LUNCHEON - 12:00 P.M.**

**LOCATION:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84221579019?pwd=dTRJVDFtWnAyYmhTb2JEU1A1SmFRdz09>  
**Meeting ID: 842 2157 9019**  
**Passcode: 719018**

**GUEST SPEAKER:** **RAMSEY GREEN, DEPUTY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE  
OFFICER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE & CHIEF RESILIENCE  
OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**

**TOPIC:** **ALL THINGS INFRASTRUCTURE**

**THIS WILL QUALIFY AS 1.0 PDH**

**DON'T FORGET THAT EVERY MONTH YOU CAN EARN 1.0 PDH (PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT HOUR) FOR ATTENDING S.A.M.E. LUNCHEON MEETINGS.**

## **SPEAKER'S BIOGRAPHY**

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### **Ramsey Green**

**Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
For Infrastructure & Chief Resilience  
Officer for the City of New Orleans**

Ramsey Green is the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for Infrastructure and Chief Resilience Officer for the City of New Orleans, where he manages the delivery of operations and infrastructure - and the more than \$2 billion in federal and municipal bond funds allocated to this work. Ramsey also serves as the Mayor's liaison to the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (SWB), where he is responsible for coordinating the infrastructure work between the two entities.

Previously, Ramsey served as the Budget Director and then Deputy Superintendent for Operations of the Louisiana Recovery School District (RSD), where his responsibilities included managing the reconstruction of New Orleans's public-school facilities, finances, and general district operations in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. At the RSD, he led the negotiations with the federal government that increased the amount of FEMA rebuilding funds to New Orleans schools from \$200 million to more than \$2 billion dollars, one of the largest FEMA allocations to a local government in history.

Ramsey received a B.A. with honors in politics from New York University, a master's in public administration from the University of Pennsylvania where he was a Samuel Fels Scholar, and a certificate in local and state government for senior executives from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, where he was a Fisher Fellow. Green was a member of the inaugural class of the Presidential Leadership Scholars program, a leadership initiative started by the presidential foundations of former U.S. Presidents Bill Clinton, Lyndon Johnson, George H.W. Bush, and George W. Bush.