

# John Reamer Appointed Contract Adm. Director

John L. Reamer Jr. has been appointed director of Public Works' Bureau of Contract Administration. His appointment was made in July by Valerie Lynne Shaw, president of the Board of Public Works Commission.



In his new position, Reamer will also serve as City Inspector of Public Works, responsible for protecting the public interest in the construction of public facilities

and improvements by ensuring that these projects are constructed and administered in accordance with the plans, specifications and all applicable laws. Reamer becomes one of two African Americans to head one of the five Bureaus within the Department of Public Works, the City's third largest department.

Commissioner Shaw described Reamer as "a dedicated, energetic and astute manager who has outstanding leadership, organizational and human relations skills [and] who is committed to improving the quality of life and providing opportunities for the citizens of this City."

"John has a track record of almost 20 years with this Department [and] is full of outstanding achievements and accomplishments," she said. "Moreover, he further contributes to his community in his off-hours by participating in a long list of meaningful civic activities."

"His commitment over the last 20 years to the City of Los Angeles and the Department of Public Works, along with his leadership and expertise, will serve him well in this new position," said Mayor Jim Hahn.

Reamer has been a member of the Bureau of Contract Administration since 1988, beginning as assistant construction inspector II and, most recently, as chief construction inspector. He entered City service in 1985.

As chief construction inspector, Reamer managed the Bureau's Wastewater Projects Construction Division. That division provides contract administration and construction management services for projects totaling more than \$555 million.

"I have the privilege of serving with a group of dedicated professionals who are tasked with overseeing construction projects throughout the City," Reamer said. "We have the distinct pleasure of contributing to the maintenance and improvement of the City's infrastructure by ensuring quality construction."

"We also serve as a communications link for the Department/City by interacting with homeowners, business owners and visitors to Los Angeles on a regular basis. We make sure projects are built correctly and with as little inconvenience to the public as possible."

Reamer said that, in addition to these efforts, the Bureau administers minority, women and other business enterprise subcontractor outreach programs for the Department of Public Works.

It also oversees the equal employment opportunity/affirmative action program for City contracts, state and federal prevailing wage laws for public works construction contracts and provides citywide certification for minority, women, other and disadvantaged business enterprises.

Among his activities away from work, Reamer serves as senior pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Los Angeles and is president of the 83rd Street Block Club.

The Bureau of Contract Administration is one of five Bureaus within the Department of Public Works, which is managed by the Board of Public Works. The Department of Public Works is responsible for construction, renovation and operation of the City's facilities and infrastructure. The department has more than 5,400 employees and an annual budget of approximately \$1 billion.

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