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Bowie Hires Coast Guard Veteran George Stephanos as Public Works Director

The City of Bowie has selected a 30-year veteran of the United States Coast Guard to lead its Public Works Department. George Stephanos will assume the reins of one of the City's largest departments on June 2, 2014 after a long career managing facility maintenance and public works organizations for the Coast Guard.

Since 2009, Mr. Stephanos has been Director of the Coast Guard's Headquarters Relocation Project. In that role he has supervised every aspect of the project to move the Coast Guard's headquarters to the Department of Homeland Security campus in Washington, DC. Responsibilities ranged from developing comprehensive design requirements for the campus, to managing construction, and coordinating information technology, logistics, transportation, utilities, and security for the new facility. Prior to 2009, he served the Coast Guard as Commanding Officer of the Integrated Support Command in St. Louis, as Executive Officer of the Coast Guard Navigation Center, and as Deputy Commander, Telecommunications and Information Systems Command. He also directed all public works activities at the US Coast Guard Academy for five years when he served as the service academy's Public Works Officer from 1997 to 2001.

In announcing the hiring of George Stephanos to serve as Bowie's newest Public Works Director, City Manager David Deutsch said, "George Stephanos has most ably served his country and the Coast Guard for 30 years in a variety of engineering, logistics and public works positions. We are excited to be welcoming a man with such wide experience to our management team."

Stephanos is a licensed professional engineer, with a Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Maryland in College Park. He will replace James Henrikson, who led Bowie's Public Works Department from 1986 until he retired in February of this year. Bowie's Public Works Department employs more than 100 individuals and is responsible for solid waste collection and recycling, equipment maintenance, streets, capital project management, water filtration, and wastewater treatment. It has an annual budget of over \$19 million.

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