

# Sandra M. Velleca, FCSI

*“For your significant achievements in causing the State of Alaska to recognize CCS certification in the selection of design commissions; for developing Cook Inlet Chapter’s prodigious certification programs; for facilitating the University of Alaska anchorage’s adoption of CSI’s Model Curriculum; and while demonstrating quiet, productive leadership in the chapter, region, and Institute, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 29th day of June 2002.”*

*Las Vegas, Nevada*



Since joining CSI in 1981, Sandi has given 25 years of dedication to CSI and made many significant contributions to the improvement of construction specifications. She began her commitment to CSI by becoming a Co-Editor for the Cook Inlet Chapter newsletter and since that time has held an office at either the Chapter, Northwest Region or Institute level.

Sandi’s contributions to education and the improvement of construction specifications led to the development and acceptance of a specification writing course at the University of Alaska based on the CSI Model Curriculum (one of the first in the country); development of a scholarship program for students in the University of Alaska Anchorage Architectural and Engineering Technology programs; and the development and expansion of Cook Inlet Chapter’s certification study courses resulting in Cook Inlet Chapter having a very successful pass-rates.

As a self-taught specifier who developed her skills and knowledge through on-the-job-training, Sandi is well aware of the critical importance of comprehensive education for young people entering the construction industry.

Throughout her career, Sandi has advocated the principles of the CSI Manual of Practice through her professional practice, mentoring, education, certification, and presentations to public agencies and members of the construction industry.

Her strong belief in the CSI Certification program led to the presentation of the Certified Construction Specifier (CCS) program to the State of Alaska, resulting in the State giving a preference in the award of A/E contracts to firms including a CCS on their team.

While a member and Chair of the CSI Specification Committee, Sandi was instrumental in the development of two new categories – Design/Build Specifications and the Electronic Media (web sites) expanding the direction of the Committee..

## **CSI Membership**

Cook Inlet Chapter, 1981 to present

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

Specifications Competition Committee Chair, 2000-2004

Specifications Competition Committee, 1998-1999

Institute Director, 1992 – 1994

## **Awards**

Cook Inlet Presidents Award, 2000

Chapter Treasurers Certificate, 1997

Cook Inlet Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, 1990

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Directors Citation, Region, 1994