This month our program will consist of a presentation and tour of the new Progress Elementary School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The school was designed by Remson Haley Herpin Architects to house 660 students and serve as a beacon of hope in a blighted neighborhood.

The exterior design of this new elementary school takes advantage of its unique place in the northern region of the City and within its surrounding context. Because of the need to keep the existing school buildings occupied during construction, the school is sited approximately 375’ from the street; due to this setback, it was even more important than usual to be welcoming and clearly differentiate the functions and identities of the various parts of the building.

The given name and location of the school conjures an image of a “progressive”, forward-thinking institution; therefore, to that end, the materials selected depict a light, airy, and contemporary institutional building.

Unique to this school than any previously constructed in the fifteen year building program of the System is the inclusion of “active shooter deterrent” construction features: bullet resistant glass, limitation of intruder vision, steel-plated door hardware, and information technology enriched with intruder detection features have been incorporated with the visitor and student not any more aware of these features that provide the safety that the students and faculty are afforded.

Please bring any guests that you believe would benefit from CEFPI membership.

**Agenda:**

12:00 pm - 12:30 pm — Lunch (Sponsor Recognition & Chapter News)

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm – Presentation (Design Story/Active Shooter Deterrent Features)

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm – Discussion and Tour

*Please RSVP by email to alacourse@preauxtech.com, no later than 4:30 pm on Monday, July 20, 2015.*