

# Marco V. Ávila, P.E.



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**Marco V. Ávila, P.E.** is a registered Professional Engineer (P.E.) in the State of Maryland. He has been practicing his Civil Engineering Profession for over 36 years (23 Years with WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff). He has experience providing engineering and program/project management services for major infrastructure projects in the public and private sector; including transit, highways, bridges, Public-Private Partnership (P3) and telecommunications. He has a consistent track record of cost-effective project delivery under demanding circumstances. Marco is fluent in Spanish and speaks Portuguese.

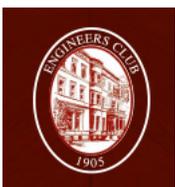
While working as a Director/Civil Engineer/Program Manager for WSP-USA, Marco has gained the trust of his clients and peers. Apart from loving engineering, Marco is an active member of local chapters of several societies; including American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE), American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), American Council of Engineering Companies-Maryland (ACEC/MD), The Engineering Society of Baltimore (ESB), Engineers Without Borders, and Maryland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (MDHCC), Advisory Council for St. Jude-Baltimore, Board Member at Sail Baltimore.



Apart from the engineering world, Marco dedicates his free time to volunteer in other organizations. Marco is currently the Chairman of the Board and President of the **Maryland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (MDHCC)**. He took over MDHCC in April 2019 and his term will be three (3) years. With the help of the new leadership at the Chamber, Marco has big plans for the Chamber including bringing the membership from 375 members to 1,000 members by the end of his term. The new programs that he created and



implemented for the MDHCC members include: Mentoring, Educations, Growth, Partnership, Promotion/Marketing, Procurement Advisory, International Business Marketing and Networking. In addition, Marco and his team created the NEW Maryland Hispanic Chamber Scholarship Program. The Scholarship Program will provide scholarships for high school students, college student, graduate students, trade School students and special charitable projects. Organizations will have the opportunity to team up with the MDHCC to provide these scholarships. Furthermore, Marco plans to bring more businesses to Maryland from all over Latin America through the Maryland Sister States Program (in partnership with the Maryland Secretary of State office).



Marco is a Past President of the Engineering Society of Baltimore (ESB) (2016-2017). In his term, he was able to bring ESB to a new level by increasing membership by 200 new members and 10 new Societies to a total of 550 members. He also led the approval and execution of one of the biggest ESB Capital Project (The Construction of ESB's Elevator Tower). The goal was to bring the ESB building to be ADA Compliance. After serving as the President of the **Engineering Society of Baltimore**, Marco committed to continue serving as a Board Member and as one of the Trustees of the **ESB Education Foundation**. The main purpose of the ESB Education Foundation is to provide annual scholarships to talented future engineers. He also Chair's ESB's Annual **Engineers Week Program**. Over 1500 High School Students throughout Maryland participate in the Annual Engineers Week Program and the Engineering Challenges to learn more about the wonderful world of engineering and the **STEM Program**.



Marco is currently serving his fourth year in a committee Chair at the **American Council of Engineering Companies / Maryland (ACEC/MD)**.

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Marco is a Past President of the **American Society of Highway Engineers (ASHE) Chesapeake Section** (2010-2011). He was the Co-Chair of the **ASHE National Conference in Baltimore, Maryland-2015**. Marco also is part of the team coordinating ASHE's monthly technical engineering meeting/seminars.

He also assists in raising scholarship funds to benefit local students that are pursuing engineering in various Maryland Universities (University of Maryland, Morgan State University and Johns Hopkins University). He continues serving on the board and he is currently leading the Professional Development Hours (PDH) Certifications Program.

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Marco is the CEO and Co-Founder of **The Healing Hands Foundation (THHF)**. Marco has been volunteering for more than twenty-six (26) years organizing medical and dental missions to help children in need for free around the world. He is dedicated to helping children with complex congenital malformations in areas lacking resources and surgical expertise. Additionally, Marco led the Covid-19 Pandemic efforts by coordinating the donations of medical supplies for Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras. Ecuador received 20 Tons of medical supplies donated by THHF partners, Guatemala received 10 Tons of medical supplies, Honduras received 2 Tons of PPE. (Other countries will follow). Marco has committed to volunteering every year to bring medical professionals together to help children in need and change their lives. For more details go to: [www.thhfoundation.org](http://www.thhfoundation.org)

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Marco was appointed to be in the St. Jude Advisory Council in the Baltimore Region in the fall of 2019. Marco will volunteer to spread the word and help with the St. June fundraising events annually. Marco is looking forward to visiting the St. Jude Hospital in Memphis in 2021/2022.

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Marco, along with two other engineers in 2007, founded the **Golfers For Charity Foundation (GFC)**. Every year the GFC Foundation holds a golf outing that involves local engineering firms and other industry firms to support children in need. Proceeds of this event are donated to Local and National charitable foundations. Since 2007 GFC has donated over \$60,000 towards children in need.

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Marco has joined the Sail Baltimore Foundation Board of Directors in March 2021. Sail Baltimore is one of the city's premier waterfront attractions; a changing museum in the Inner Harbor in which residents and visitors alike can learn about maritime history and international cultures. Through our visiting ships program, vessels come and go throughout the year, opening their decks to all who choose to climb aboard. Because of Sail Baltimore's efforts to bring ships to Baltimore, visitors are able to board and tour unique ships, learn about different cultures, interact with people from around the world, and learn about navigation, geography, technology, maritime history and more.



Marco Joined the MAA Small Business Advisory Council (SMBAC) in April 2021. The purpose of the Advisory Council is to make sure all MAA Opportunities can also be offered to Minority and Small Businesses in the State of Maryland.

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#### **Leadership Baltimore County: Class of 2021**

Leadership Baltimore County (LBC) is a community leadership program with a mission to bring high achievers with diverse perspectives together to heighten their civic awareness, enhance their organizational effectiveness and become a driving force for positive change in their workplace and Baltimore County as a whole.

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The Association for Enterprise Growth (AEG) is a national nonprofit whose mission is to strengthen operational effectiveness of mid-market private businesses to grow enterprise value and maximize an owner's personal wealth. Marco Joined AEG's Baltimore Advisory Board in April 2021. He is looking forward to adding value to this organization.

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Marco V. Avila, P.E. was appointed by Governor Larry Hogan to be part of the Maryland Governor's Work Force Development Board. Marco's term started in November 2021.

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Marco graduated from the **New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) – Newark College of Engineers in 1993**. While he was going to school, he worked full time as a Draftsman and worked his way up to becoming a Civil Engineer in 1993.

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### **AWARDS:**

- WSP/PB Americas Awards: **Community Service Awards 2008**
  - American Council of Engineering Companies-Maryland (ACEC/MD): **Community Service Award Feb. 2010**
  - American Council of Engineering Companies-National (ACEC): **Community Service Award Oct. 2010**
  - U.S. Hispanic Youth Education E (USHYEE): **Spanish Hero Award 2012**
  - Maryland Hispanic Business Conference–Hispanic Stellar Award: **The American Dream Award 2014**
  - American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE/MD): **2018 Civil Engineer of the Year Award–June 2018**
  - Maryland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (MDHCC): **Non-Profit of the Year Award THHF - Fall 2018**
  - Engineering Society of Baltimore (ESB), Engineers Club: **2019 Engineer of the Year Award–Spring 2019**
  - The Daily Record: **Influential Marylander 2021 Civic Award**
  - The Daily Record: **Maryland's Most Admired CEOs 2021 Award**
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**Marco V. Avila, P.E.**

Born in Quito-Ecuador, Marco has always kept his Ecuadorian/Spanish roots. He is a proud USA Citizen! And he loves making a difference not only locally but nationally and globally.

Marco's slogans:

***The greatest gift you can give to others, is the example of your own life!***

***Stay Safe I Thirsty my Friends!!!***

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