

## WHAT YOU MISSED – April 2008

The hottest newsmaker this month was our Keynote presenter for the first ever Atlanta Workplace on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Gena Abraham, the Georgia DOT Commissioner presented to the anxious attendees. We learned that 9,211 projects are on the DOT books, but many have project managers assigned who have been retired for several years. The budget is also large enough to require 34 years to cover; Commissioner Abraham assuring us that she would not be at DOT that long. But she left our meeting after a warm welcome to convene her annual Board of Commissioner meeting and her news-making began in earnest, as she and her romantic partner and fellow Board member announced his departure from the Board and headlines for the next week recalled our more focused discussions at Atlanta Workplace.

After the Keynote, educational sessions in all nine core competencies, were held throughout the day and attendees had the opportunity to select three additional sessions, for a total of 4 CFM maintenance points or 0.4 c.e.u. credits. An exciting Expo with 40 vendors and silent auction prizes made for an exciting wrap-up and fundraiser. The Georgia Tech Global Learning Center provided an inspiring backdrop for this successful first education day. Many volunteers, sponsors and speakers are to be thanked, as well as IFMA Atlanta volunteers who planned, coordinated and launched the event.