

# Burcin Kaplanoglu, PhD.

## Education

Illinois Institute of Technology – PhD.  
Construction Engineering and  
Management, 2007.

Istanbul University – MSC Civil  
Engineering 2001

Istanbul University – BSC Civil  
Engineering 1998

## Profile

Mr. Kaplanoglu has extensive knowledge in cost control, process and change management. He is currently working at Bovis Lend Lease, reporting to the Chief Operating Officer (COO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Americas Region of this global company. He has been leading change management efforts to bring consistency to operational processes and systems.

Bovis Lend Lease is ranked as the second largest construction manager in the United States and has maintained its position among the top three construction managers (Building Design and Construction) for the past ten consecutive years.

His responsibilities include ensuring conformity with company operational policies and procedures to make sure consistent practices are in place throughout the country within this large organization which employs more than 3,000 professionals. He is overseeing Project Review process and Projects in Delivery Reporting, providing risk assessment and improving current business practices to reach operational excellence.

Prior to his current role, he has worked in preconstruction and construction stages of projects (i.e. Hyatt Center-71S.Wacker, 353 North Clark, Mandarin Oriental Chicago) as a project manager. He was responsible for daily management, supervision, coordination, and successful completion of the project ensuring that time and cost objectives are met with respect to contracting, scheduling, estimating, bidding, and contract administration.

He has been teaching Project Financial Management, and conducting Prolog Manager and Prolog Website training at Bovis Lend Lease for several years. He has been leading interactive bidding by implementing the use of interactive bid package CDs and online invitation to bid tool at the Chicago office. He has been invited to give lectures on web-based project management where he has provided the examples of practices within the industry and future of the industry at Northwestern University, Istanbul Technical University, Istanbul Kultur University.

He has worked as Teaching Assistant and Research Assistant at Istanbul Kultur University and Illinois Institute of Technology where he has assisted teaching Project Management, Construction Management, Fluid Mechanics courses.

## Publications

Kaplanoglu, B. (2007), "Impact of Pre-Project Peer Review on Project Success", PhD. Thesis, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, USA.

Kaplanoglu, S.B. and Arditi, D., (2005), "Pre-Project Peer Reviews in Construction Companies", *Proceedings of the Third Construction Management Congress*, IMO, Izmir, Turkey, September 29 – October 1, 2005, pp. 115-122.

Senturk A. H., Yazici G., Kaplanoglu B., (2004) "Case Study: Izmit Domestic and Industrial Water Supply Build Operate–Transfer Project", *ASCE J. Constr. Engrg. and Mgmt.*, Volume 130, Issue 3, pp. 449-454

## Affiliations

Construction Management Association of America (CMAA)

## Project Experience

### ■ Mandarin Oriental Chicago

Chicago, Illinois– **Project Manager** – Preconstruction services including value engineering, guaranteed maximum price (GMP) preparation and awarding major trades (i.e. curtainwall).

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Bovis Lend Lease is providing Construction Management services for Palladian Development's new luxurious, Five Star hotel in downtown Chicago. Mandarin Oriental Chicago (MOC) will be a 60-story, 857-foot tall mixed-use development located on a site bound by Lake Street, Stetson Avenue, Boulevard Towers North & South and Lower Water Street. MOC is planned as a 250-key luxury hotel with 100 branded residences/condominiums, 150 condominiums, a 25,000 sf spa and wellness facility, 12,000 sf of meeting space, and a business center. The structure will have four levels of parking below grade and seven levels above ground, with a total of 551 parking stalls. Atop the eastern façade is a 72' "lantern" that will serve as a light element for the Mandarin Oriental Chicago and will be visible from every corner of the city.

- **Allure**

Las Vegas, Nevada – **Project Manager** - Training project team to set up project control systems for 42-story, condominium construction in Las Vegas.

- **353 N. Clark**

Chicago, Illinois – **Project Manager** – Preconstruction services including value engineering, guaranteed maximum price (GMP) preparation and awarding major trades (i.e. curtainwall and elevators).

Bovis Lend Lease is providing Construction Management services for a 45-story, 1.4M sf commercial office building which will sit on an approximately 57,300 sf site bound by West Kinzie Avenue, North Clark Street, West Carroll Avenue and North Dearborn Street. This project is designed to maximize tenant views in all directions and will feature a state-of-the-art glass and stainless steel curtain wall for a distinctive character by day and night. 106,000 sf of underground parking is located in the two lower levels, along with loading docks and equipment spaces. The ground floor includes the plaza, a 48,000 sf lobby and 53,000 sf of retail space. Floors above the lobby are core and shell office space, except for a 2nd level Mechanical floor, mid-level Mechanical floors and Mechanical/Elevator penthouse.

- **71 South Wacker - Hyatt Center**

Chicago, Illinois – **Assistant Project Manager**- management of trades from buyout to close-out and responsible for change management, cost reporting.

Bovis Lend Lease is providing Construction management and general contractor services for the preconstruction and construction of a 50 story, 1.7 million sf office high-rise in downtown Chicago. The project was built for three major tenants including the Hyatt Corporation, Goldman Sachs and one of Chicago's largest law firms, Mayer Brown Rowe & Maw. The project presented numerous challenges including a tight schedule driven by lease dates, a congested downtown location, and intense security and emergency backup requirements necessitated by the high profile financial industry tenant.

- **Hyatt Center Amenities Floor**

Chicago, Illinois – **Assistant Project Manager**- Hold Primary responsibility for all trades from buyout to close-out.

Bovis Lend Lease is providing Construction management and general contractor services for the construction of a food service and health club located at 71 South Wacker, the Hyatt Center, in downtown Chicago. The project is for three major tenants: the Hyatt Corporation, Goldman Sachs and Mayer Brown Rowe & Maw, one of Chicago's largest law firms.