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CEO's Report- Wenbin Yuan

Since the last issue of our newsletter, Dakota Intertek Corp. (Dakota) has delivered several major projects successfully to the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Veterans Administration, and for private entities.

Under Construction Manager, Todd Ormiston, Dakota's self-performing construction team continues to excel. We have completed many high-profile large and small projects this year, and have expanded our capabilities to now include electrical service and small sewer and water main projects for the Milwaukee County Department of Public Works.

We were recently informed that Hunzinger Construction Company referred Dakota as

an integral part of the Bayshore Town Center Redevelopment project. Dakota is now eligible to be on the First4bid.com website, and has been invited to join the Building of America Network.

Dakota recently completed a high-profile cleanup for the MMSD as a subcontractor to URS and was featured in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel on September 10, 2007. Dakota excavated 650 tons of PCB contaminated soil across several Milwaukee County recreational areas.

Dakota was also just recognized by the Business Journal of Milwaukee as one of the "Largest Milwaukee-Area Minority-Owned Businesses" for 2007.

P.S. Wenbin is the official Vice-President of Yi's fan club. Join Wenbin at a Bucks game soon!

Trade Mission With Governor Doyle



Wenbin Yuan (Dakota CEO), WI Governor Jim Doyle, and Dun Wang (Dakota VP) Deep in Conversation

Wenbin Yuan recently participated in the Wisconsin Trade Mission to Japan and China in September. Wenbin had the exciting opportunity to translate and do the voice-over dubbing for Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle's speech promoting Wisconsin products to China. The marketing CDs with Wenbin's voice will be distributed throughout China, which is probably the largest market in

the world! You can listen to the speech at:

www.forwardwi.com.

Wenbin also took part in translating all 76 delegation members profiles into Chinese. This delegation is the largest ever assembled by the State of Wisconsin. Delegates visited Japan, Shanghai, Ningbo (Milwaukee's sister city), Harbin (capital city of Heilongjiang, which is Wisconsin's sister state), and Beijing for opportunities.

Wenbin is working on creating business opportunities to bring U.S. companies to China. For instance, Dakota is working along with RW Armstrong on projects to convert waste into ethanol for the U.S. and overseas markets.

Harley Davidson Museum

Dakota recently installed a passive venting methane system at the new Harley Davidson Museum located on Canal Street in Milwaukee. Dakota worked in close conjunction with the system designer, Sigma Environmental, to complete the installation on time and under budget.

The ten week project consisted of work at three separate buildings totaling 65,000 square feet. A network of slotted PVC piping, two layers of protective liner, and 4,999 tons of gravel and roof vents completed the system.

Dakota Construction Manager, Todd Ormiston, was on-site at all times to ensure job safety and quality. He maintained continual contact with and coordinated with both the general contractor, MA Mortenson Company, and a multitude of on-site subcontractors.

PCB Impacted Sites

This past September, Dakota was awarded a contract through the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (MMSD) to remove PCB impacted topsoil from several local recreational fields. The work was performed at Wick Field, Dyer Field, and Custer High School following extensive soil testing by URS Corporation. Dried sewage/sludge fertilizer containing small amounts of PCBs were inadvertently spread on many local fields in July. Elevated levels of PCBs were detected at these three sites, and Dakota removed and disposed of the impacted soils from each site, installed new ballpark mix and topsoil, and installed new sod. Near-record high temperatures in September made it difficult for the new sod to take hold. Thanks need to go to Dakota's Site Superintendent, Mike Boisvert, for watering the new sod at all three sites for nearly two weeks to ensure its growth.

Ft. McCoy Army Housing

Dakota is proud to have been awarded a design-build military housing project from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). This is the second project that Dakota has been awarded at Ft. McCoy, the first being a successful landfill capping project.

Through next August, Dakota will design and build twelve military housing units and their surrounding infrastructures; including sewer, water, roads and utilities at Ft. McCoy, Wisconsin. Dakota will also be demolishing seven existing structures and will address any asbestos and lead paint issues. Judy Fassbender is the Project Manager for this fast moving and challenging project. She will be managing numerous subcontractors under a stringent schedule and strict federal guidelines and protocols. Vern Mickels is the onsite Construction Quality Manager (COM). Thanks to Mindy Grittner and Rick Kormanik who led the team in proposal efforts.



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New Employees

Dakota is always on the lookout for new talent to further expand our diversified services. Dakota is proud to introduce our new employees:

Mr. Rick Kormanik, PE, Project Manager– Rick comes to Dakota with more than 42 years of environmental engineering and management experience. Rick has been an asset in procuring some of our larger jobs, and in managing some of our local construction jobs.

Ms. Coral Skowronski, Administrative Assistant - Coral has been a great addition to Dakota, and has been aiding all of the Project Managers

on a multitude of tasks ranging from proposal development to generating job costing reports. Coral is currently completing her undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, majoring in Math and Economics.

Mr. Vern Mickels, Construction Quality Manager (COM)– We are happy to have Vern on our team as COM for Dakota's Ft. McCoy Housing Project. He brings with him 25 years of construction and management experience; specializing in the construction and rehab of single and multi-family housing.

VA Milwaukee Design Projects

In December of 2006, Mark Mobley started Dakota's Medical Design-Build Program. He built upon Dakota's past experience and developed an overall marketing approach, focusing on the importance of alliance building and continual interviews with prospective employee candidates. His hard work led to the procurement of two three-year Architecture/Engineering (A/E) indefinite quantity contracts with the Milwaukee Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Mark will be overseeing these professional services contracts as Project Manager.

Dakota's sub-consultant partners have included large full-service A/E firms (HDR Architecture,

Inc.; HGA, Inc.), and smaller specialized firms, such as architects (Boer Architects, Inc.), electrical engineers (Geiger Engineering, Inc.), elevator consultants (Vertran Enterprises, Ltd.), mechanical/HVAC/ fire protection engineers (PSJ Engineering, Inc.), structural engineers (AAESCO), and cost estimating firms (Construction Cost Systems, Inc.).

The projects thus far have included: the IRM Computer Room Addition, Elevator Bank Renovations, Electrical Switchboards Replacement, Electrical Panel Replacement, ER CT Renovations, and Historic Building Exterior Preservation. Dakota looks forward to a long and fruitful working relationship with the VA.



Demolition of the Former ELF Facility Clam Lake, WI

The Navy contracted Dakota as part of a joint-venture to conduct environmental related construction, design, renovation and remediation projects at multiple facilities in the Midwestern region of the United States.

In Clam Lake, WI, the Navy

required the full demolition and site restoration of the former Extremely Low Frequency (ELF) facility located in the Chequamegon National Forest.

Dakota provided the plan preparation and coordinated all quality control (QC) efforts. In all, eleven buildings were demolished, which included the removal and/or proper abandonment of utilities and underground structures, and the removal of asphalt and concrete paved surfaces. The demolition also involved the assessment and abatement of hazardous materials. Materials were transported off-site for disposal and recycling.

Dakota made sure that the site was restored properly to the Navy's satisfaction.

This job raised many challenges. The facility was located in the forest with the nearest population center existing more than twenty miles away. Along with distance creating a challenge to find local service providers, road weight and road use restrictions required careful coordination of all project pickups and deliveries.

Dakota well surpassed the Navy's "green standards" for recycling. Dakota recycled/reused virtually all of the site materials. Onsite generators, chillers, and miscellaneous

equipment were salvaged for reuse. All concrete, block, asphalt, metals, and structural steel were also recycled. To avoid schedule delays, Dakota provided a full pre-demolition asbestos inspection at no charge, offering a substantial savings to the Navy.

Thanks to Project Managers Mark Mobley and Don Callen for jobs well done. Also, special congratulations need to go out to Mike Boisvert, Site Superintendent, who ran the day-to-day operations of the project. During this three month project temperatures routinely dipped below -20 degrees F.

Demolition of Former ELF Facility in Clam Lake