



Dakota News

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CEO's Report- Wenbin Yuan

This past year has been difficult for many throughout our area, our country, and the world. Many businesses have closed their doors and others are unsure if they will be able to continue without improvements in the economy. We at Dakota have deeply felt the impact of this crisis as well but have been able to keep our doors open through the support, sacrifices, and determination of our dedicated staff and clients like you.

Dakota has been able to expand our client base this year with several new clients, teaming partnerships, and joint ventures. These new endeavors have also taken us well beyond our traditional market areas and have expanded our abilities to undertake different

project types and complexities. As many businesses have done this year, we also have undertaken to restructure and streamline our organization as well as find and stop as many of those pesky little financial drips as possible. With these trying times come those with nefarious intentions looking to hack into computer systems, divert electronic funds transactions to their own accounts, and other dastardly deeds that we all must take extra precautions against these days.

The bad economy has humbled us, and we appreciate that which is most important to us: health, family, friendships, and especially long-term relations.

New Employee- Gary Vogelsong, P.E.



Mr. Gary Vogelsong joined the Dakota Team in June of this year, but has worked with Dakota through a joint venture for most of the past five years. He brings to Dakota over thirty years of experience in military, industrial, environmental, governmental, academics, and engineering consulting in senior management positions.

As business partner with Dakota CEO Wenbin Yuan, and as Dakota COO, Gary assists in managing the day-to-day operations and financials of Dakota. Gary also is the new head for our Federal Programs.

Gary brings a unique background to his position with degrees in Chemistry, Physics, Mechanical Engineering and Medicine. His extensive military background, several governmental certifications, and Professional Engineer certification are also great assets.

Behind every man is an even greater woman, and Gary is proud to have his wife Joanne supporting him all the way. Joanne herself is very involved in her community as a Civic Activist and is also active in both local and state politics. In their spare time, Gary and Joanne enjoy spending as much time as possible with their family and grandchildren.

Milwaukee VA Updates

Our VA Milwaukee A/E Project Management contract has multiple projects nearing the end of the construction phase, such as: the new ER-CT addition, and the completely new renovation of the East Entrance entry and parking lot areas. In early 2010,



New East Entry

Dakota will be starting the NHCU (Nursing Home Care Unit) 9A renovations. This project will be phased in two sections over a two year period. The floors will be raised and leveled to accommodate the un-levelness of the concrete floor. The new patient rooms will have a more at-home feel to help speed-up recovery.

GSA IDIQ

2009 has been a bright spot for Dakota's GSA IDIQ Contract to provide the GSA with construction services for federal buildings located in the greater Chicagoland and Hammond and South Bend, Indiana areas. Mr. Rick Trojan, GSA Construction Contract Program Manger, has continually maintained open communication with all parties and has ensured customer satisfaction via strong project performance. GSA sales have risen from \$1.5 million annually to a potential \$6.0 million annual ceiling cap. Some of the projects performed in the Federal Building in Chicago include: an office buildout for the Customs Immigration Services and new office construction for the Department of Labor, FEMA, and HUD. New ARRA funding guidelines and requirements, along with new Construction Manager as Constructor (CMC) language was adopted by Dakota, thus opening up larger opportunities and projects.

City of Milwaukee Pre-Cast Planter Walls

Dakota was contracted by Milwaukee General to install several pre-fabricated planter walls along the median of Oklahoma Avenue between 25th and 27th Street for the City of Milwaukee. Each piece was ten feet in length and weighed a ton. A total of 768 linear feet was installed over a four week period with great results.



Our talented master mason, Mr. Terry Tilson, created sixteen exacting and detailed forms from blueprints. The pre-cast forms were reinforced with rebar. The final planter walls were then hauled to the site and installed.

The project overall was a unique challenge due to the complexity of the formwork, but Dakota's master mason was up to the task, and the City of Milwaukee was pleased with the outcome. Be sure to stop by in the spring to see how the median planter walls have helped to beautify Oklahoma Avenue!

Recent Awards and Recently Completed Projects

Ackerman's Grove Park, Washington County— Led by Construction Manager **Mr. Todd Ormiston** and Sr. Project Manager, **Mr. Tom Marach**, Dakota recently completed the construction of hiking trails and handicapped access pads for the recreational structures of Ackerman's Grove Park. The primary trail consisted of a switchback that traversed a wooded slope connecting the two picnic areas. Included in the construction was the paving of all pads. All disturbed areas were re-landscaped. The project took place over a two-week period and no park activities were affected.

City of Milwaukee Drainage Enhancement & Grading— Located at 60th and Greentree in Milwaukee, WI, Dakota relocated approximately 50,000 cubic yards of material, installed two culverts, rebuilt the access road, and laid down the topsoil seed and mulch. The adjustment of grades was required. All work was completed on time and on budget, and was overseen by Mr. Todd Ormiston and Mr. Tom Marach.

Operation & Maintenance (O&M) for the Doyne Park Landfill— Dakota has performed O&M activities at the Doyne Park Landfill for AECOM since 1996. Ongoing landfill work currently consists of the

methane collection header repair. Eight inch diameter sections of header HDPE piping was replaced. Any disturbed areas were re-landscaped, re-seeded, and mulched.

WE Energies Storm Water Management— Dakota was recently featured in the Milwaukee Business Journal for our high quality storm sewer and oil water separators installations for WE Energies in Pewaukee, WI. Ongoing work at the site includes the completion of the retention pond portion of the project, which will conclude in January, 2010.

Waste Characterization Benton, Louisiana— Dakota personnel were recently



Benton Creosote Works

pleased to assist Conti Federal Services in providing waste characterization and inventory for the CERCLA site, Benton Creosote Works of Benton, Louisiana. Using proper PPE, Dakota sampled creosote and PCP-impacted water and product, and quantified volumes of each. Because Louisiana experienced one of the wettest Autumns on record, Dakota provided rapid mobilization during a small window when clear skies and receding flood water allowed field work.

NOSC Sioux Falls Design Build

Dakota formed a Joint Venture with Kepa Services, Inc. (Kepa-Dakota JV) to undertake a Design Build contract for the Great Lakes Region of the NAVY. The project entails the design and construction of a 10,744 sf Joint Armed Forces Reserve Center Training Facility located in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The contract was initially let to us in late September '08 as an 8,744 sf Design Build construction for which the Kepa-Dakota JV advanced designs to the 90% submittal level through our architectural team. Following the Navy review of the 90% designs, the ultimate Navy tenants

determined that the 8,744-sf would not be enough space for their contingent. Advancement of the final design and construction were put on stand down by the Navy in early February '09, until revised larger design concepts and subsequent additional Congressional funding could be secured. Ultimately, the 10,744-sf configuration and funding were settled and new designs were advanced in early July of '09. Due to the nearly 5 month stand down period, the combined Sioux Falls Project Team developed a two-phase design effort that would facilitate advancing the start of structural construction before "the snow flies,"

which happens quite early in South Dakota. The Project Team agreed to expedite the designs, reviews, and approvals for site work and shell construction so that the field work could begin followed by the remaining designs for completion while initial construction was underway. Through the success of this approach, construction crews from our construction team member Gil Haugan Construction, Inc., also from Sioux Falls, were able to mobilize to the project site in September '09. Under the supervision of Kepa-Dakota JV's Onsite Project Manager **Mr. Vern Mickels**, primary

site work has been completed, exterior CMU walls are up, and exterior masonry block is nearly 80% complete. Interior load bearing walls are under construction with structural steel and roof decking expected to be completed by mid- January '10. Secondary to the design and construction of the new facility, the Kepa-Dakota JV Team has been tasked by the Navy to design interiors and furnishings as well as purchase those furnishings through the government's GSA procurement. Project completion is anticipated to be July 14, 2010.

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