



# Dakota News

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## CEO's Report- Wenbin Yuan

2009 has been an exciting year for Dakota. Our Construction Division, led by **Construction Manager Todd Ormiston**, and new **Sr. Project Manager, Tom Marach**, has been extremely busy. In addition to providing services to our regular clients, we have placed an emphasis on expanding our opportunities with WisDOT heavy highway projects. We have recently been awarded contracts by Lunda Construction, Vista Construction, Milwaukee General Construction, and Zignego Companies for WisDOT services ranging from landscaping and fencing projects to excavating, grading, and street sign installations. Dakota is also providing erosion control, UST removal, and site remediation and restora-

tion activities in the SE Wisconsin area for other WisDOT affiliates.

Dakota's Construction Division has also been actively pursuing landfill remediation projects at area landfills for both Waste Management (WM) and Veolia landfills. Led by Tom Marach, we recently completed a highly involved confined space project for WM's Pheasant Run Landfill, working at depths of over 60 feet. At the same site, we also completed erosion, drainage control and emergency response projects.

Last, but not least, Dakota welcomes new **Partner, Gary Vogelsong, P.E.**, who will be in charge of Dakota's operations and federal programs. Gary has over 25 years of federal experience serving the government both inside and out.

## New Employee- Mr. Tom Marach



CEO Wenbin Yuan, Sr. PM Tom Marach, Controller Chi Zhang

Dakota is pleased to welcome **Mr. Tom Marach, Human Resources Manager/Sr. Project Manager**, to the Dakota team. Tom has 30 years of landfill experience, specializing in all aspects of construction, grading, surveying, and safety, health and compliance. In addition, Tom has worked for a number of consulting and engineering firms, including: Donohue and Associates and Zimmerman Engineering.

At Dakota, Tom is in charge of all aspects of Dakota's Human Resources department. He brings with him 28 years of management credentials. Tom wants to foster a "team-concept environment" which encourages Dakota's staff to actively participate in deciding Dakota's future.

In the field, Tom is currently spearheading local construction projects, such as an erosion and drainage control project for AECOM in Milwaukee, WI, and the ongoing operation and maintenance services at the Doyne Park Landfill. Tom is excited to continue growing Dakota's client base for future landfill construction/maintenance and environmental compliance projects.

## Milwaukee VA Updates

2008-2009 has proven to be a fast paced and exciting year for Dakota and the Veterans Administration IDIQ Architectural/ Engineering Design contract.

Now that the summer has begun, many of our designed projects are under construction requiring oversight and management. Led by Dakota Project Manager **Rick Trojan**, on-going projects include: elevator installation for the kitchen, main entrance renovations, and boiler power plant value engineering for the whole hospital wing demo/build-outs.

Dakota is proud to have some of the best professional partners to complete the fast-track value engineering projects for the VA. They have helped Dakota to offer virtually error-free designing to the VA.

## GSA IDIQ

Dakota is just finishing the first year of our five-year 8(a) IDIQ contract to provide the GSA with construction services for federal buildings located in the greater Chicagoland and Hammond and South Bend, Indiana areas.

The projects are as diverse as you can imagine, including everything from whole floor build outs, to painting building lobbies and replacing ceramic tile in restrooms. After conquering the administrative "learning curve" (such as getting personnel badged to supervise and escort non-badged sub-contractors) we have been able to focus on fostering our relationship with the GSA through providing quality services. We are looking forward to our next four years of service to the federal government.

## Navy Asbestos Abatement

As a Joint Venture partner with Oneida Total Integrated Enterprises, Dakota was pleased to perform asbestos containing material (ACM) abatement for the Great Lakes Naval Station steam power plant. The 1940's-era power plant at Building 11 provides steam utilities and power to the entire Naval Station, and contains a large array of high-pressure steam pipes. The project was challenging, not only because of the maze of affected pipes throughout the 3-story area punctuated with catwalks and gratings, but also because bare steel pipe temperatures were either 350 degrees or 500 degrees Fahrenheit. In order to create a safer work environment, Dakota's JV used an innovative approach of installing bypass valves and lines to re-route steam and cool affected pipes. The approach was praised by the Navy and allowed pipes to be abated without incident, and the massive containment structure to maintain a reasonable ambient temperature. Using creative scaffolding configurations, Dakota's JV was able to efficiently abate and re-insulate Great Lakes' power plant, with the added benefit to the workers of sweating off a few pounds without dieting.



Great Lakes Naval Station, IL

## Recent Awards and Recently Completed Projects



**Worth Realty Facelift**

**Worth Realty Masonry Work-** Dakota recently completed a high-profile exterior facelift of the headquarters of Worth Realty on Port Washington Road in Milwaukee, WI. Dakota's crew, led by journeyman mason Terry Tilson, excavated and poured new concrete footings, constructed ADA compliant concrete ramps, re-clad the structure with natural stone,

poured new concrete sidewalks, and re-graded the property for a new asphalt parking lot. The crew was able to perform all of their site activities while maintaining customer access into a restaurant located within the building.

**Navy Crawlspace Remediation-** Dakota's JV was happy to perform work beneath Great Lakes Naval Station's primary cafeteria. A breached sanitary sewer line impacted 2,000 square feet of crawlspace beneath the building. The four foot ceiling and large array of utility pipes in the crawlspace necessitated hand-removal of impacted soil and a large quantity of miscellaneous debris. Dakota personnel were

pleased to use shovels and buckets to remove sanitary-impacted soil in the constricted area. The remediated area was thoroughly decontaminated, and a vapor barrier was installed.



**Crawlspace Liner Install**

When we left, the crawlspace floor looked and smelled clean enough to eat off of!

**Doyne Park Operation and Maintenance-** Dakota has recently undertaken a number of operation and maintenance tasks at the Doyne Park Landfill located in West Allis. A couple of

tasks have included: a gas-header and head well repair, bike path repaving, and miscellaneous valve and monitoring well maintenance. We will continue to provide quality services to AECOM as needs arise.

**Waste Management Side Slope Riser Repair Orchard Ridge Landfill-** Dakota successfully completed the repair and replacement of three side slope riser pumps along the east slope of the active Orchard Ridge Landfill. Mr. Mike Melon, Site Engineer, was very pleased with Dakota's performance, as we completed all work on time and on budget. Waste Management was also pleased with Dakota's quick response time which minimized leachate control downtime.

### Charter Wire Methane System Installation With MSI General



**Wenbin Yuan "At the Helm" at Charter Wire, Milwaukee, WI**

Dakota recently completed the installation of a passive venting methane system at the new world headquarters of Charter Wire Manufacturing on Canal Street in Milwaukee. This was a fast-track, difficult

project to complete, and included installing 155,000 square feet of methane liner and geotextile fabric and placing and compacting nearly 10,000 tons of gravel inside the building. Dakota purchased a new laser

grader attachment for our skidloader (see next story) and with the expertise of our certified surveyor and site superintendent, **Tom Marach**, we achieved incredible accuracy and increased efficiency.



**Chi Zhang (Dakota), David Anglehart (MSI General), Wenbin Yuan (Dakota), Charter Wire Management Team Members**

### Laser Grader

Dakota just recently purchased a survey laser guided grader that when combined with our track skid loader will aid the construction division in multiple different areas. Plans as of now are to use it for future liner construction and sub-base preparation. It can also be used for fine grading of parking lots, sidewalks, and other miscellaneous construction requirements. Dakota has continued to expand our landscaping capabilities, and the laser grader will greatly aid in our landscaping tasks. Overall, Dakota will be able to offer a wider variety of construction support with higher precision and greater efficiency.