



Dakota News

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CEO's Report- Wenbin Yuan

Corporate Change is Happening... We live in a world today that is characterized by constant turnover and turbulent work environments that are complicated and hard to predict. The goal of a company leader is not to eliminate the conflict and challenges that arise out of organizational change, but to use them to his or her advantage.

Dakota is constantly changing and growing. We have closed our Racine office and have consolidated both our personnel and equipment into our New Berlin headquarters. Dakota's construction, estimating, accounting, marketing, and technical

services departments are all under one roof for convenient "one-stop shopping."

As one door closes, another door opens. Dakota is proud to announce that we have opened a new office in the City of Milwaukee. Eventually, it will become our new headquarters and federal service center: **1033 North Mayfair Road, Suite 300, Milwaukee, WI, 53226 P: 414-257-9506.**

Dakota welcomes **Jeremiah Johnson**, our new Quality Control Manager and Milwaukee Office Manager. He has worked as the key OC Manager on multiple large-scale environmental and general construction projects for numerous federal agencies in-

cluding: the *U.S. Navy, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*, and various regions of the *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.*

Along with changes of location and new faces, Dakota has recently procured multiple federal projects with: the *Great Lakes Naval Training Station* (\$30 million IDIQ EMAC joint venture with *TN&A*), *U.S. Veterans Administration, U.S. Army, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*, and the *U.S. Department of Agriculture.*

Some of our newer local projects include: *CH2M Hill's*



Preparing a Technical Presentation- Don Callen, Wenbin Yuan, & Dr. Dilip Singh

large-scale design project for the *Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District*, and the *WI Department of Transportation's* emergency response project under *SEH.*

This year Dakota's sales have grown by 30%, and we are looking forward to the future. Rest assured, Dakota's commitment to our clients and our unending effort to build and maintain trust will never change.

Delafield Landfill- Gas Collection System



HDPE Header Pipe Installation
Delafield Landfill, Delafield, WI

Dakota immediately proved its worth by saving the Client 20% upfront to install the Delafield Landfill Gas Collection System. Dakota trenched and installed 14,000 feet of HDPE pipe, and drilled and installed 28 gas extraction wells. Dakota also installed a new flare station. All work was completed on time and on budget.

Tom Wentland, *WDNR* Project Manager for the project, was impressed with our team's dedication to working in difficult conditions. Dakota battled the cold winter weather, steep slopes, and multiple party coordination. The windchill routinely reached 15 degrees below zero.

Todd Ormiston, Dakota Project Manager, proudly submitted this project as a reference to the U.S. Army and obtained a landfill closure project for Ft. McCoy to be done later this year.

Mike Boisvert, Dakota's seasoned Superintendent, was instrumental in this project's successful completion. Mike has spent 37 years working as a heavy construction superintendent throughout the nation. He has always sought out challenging projects, and now that he is at Dakota he can use both his knowledge and courage to the fullest extent.

Former Allis Chalmers

One of the largest industrial workshops in the nation is being transformed into an A-1 "office mansion" by the legendary Whitnall Summit Co. in West Allis.



Selective Demolition
Allis Chalmers, West Allis, WI

Dakota Project Manager **Wenbin Yuan** and his faithful crew members: **Mike Boisvert, Chris Dietrich, C.J. Ruhl, Paul Grittner, & Nick Lohman**, successfully completed this enormous selective demolition job, showcasing Dakota's ability to finish a large-scale project in a short time period. At times, our team worked **seven days a week with 35 people** to keep up with the challenging schedule and the new construction teams coming in.

The Client's Project Manager stated that when comparing Dakota's work to some other demolishing experiences he's had, the Dakota team is a "group of Angels."

Recent Projects

Tower Automotive– To make way for the new Department of Public Works Headquarters, three square city blocks of asphalt, concrete and several large buildings had to be removed.

Dakota's involvement included: transportation of debris to the landfill, removal and on-site transportation of concrete slab and footings, excavation of contaminated soil, well abandonment, and asbestos abatement.

Boone County Landfill– Dakota recently installed a Soil Vapor Extraction (SVE) system for the Boone

County Landfill located near Belvidere, IL. *RMT*, the consultant, was impressed with Dakota's work led by Construction Manager **Todd Ormiston**.

HUD Inspections– Led by Project Manager **Don Callen** and Contract Administrator **Mindy Grittner**, Dakota is still actively orchestrating property inspections across a six-state area with a 24-hour turn around time for the *U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development*.

USDA Building Demolition– Managed by VP **Paul Herbert**, Dakota recently finished the demolition of two small buildings for the *USDA*.

New Construction Manager



Construction Manager, Todd Ormiston

Dakota is proud to announce **Mr. Todd Ormiston** as our new Construction Manager.

When Todd started working with Dakota four years ago he said that he wanted to make a difference, and he certainly has.

Todd resides in the Town of Caledonia with his wife, Karri, and their two children, Kayla and Collin.

Dakota would like to thank Mr. Bob Leszczynski, former Construction Manager, for his many years of hard work and dedication. Bob decided to leave Dakota to pursue other job ventures, and we wish him and his family the best of luck in all their endeavors.

Todd has been with Dakota for the last four years as Project Manager and is no stranger to the Environmental Construction field.

Before Dakota, Todd spent 6 years working in the environmental engineering and construction industry with a local engineering company.



Former Allied Glove Building Demolition, Milwaukee, WI

Project is featured on the Marquette Interchange Project Website

Former Allied Glove Building Demolition

Dakota is currently removing, transporting, and disposing of waste materials and debris from the Former Allied Glove building demolition located at 431 N 5th Street in Milwaukee, WI.

The building needs to be removed to make room for a portion of the Marquette Interchange Project involving the installation of a new ramp which will effectively connect I-43/94 from the South to I-794 to the east.

Other than the removal of waste materials and debris, Dakota also participated in the challenging asbestos abatement process.

Dakota's role in the project is featured prominently on the Marquette Interchange Project website at www.mchange.org in the March 2005 category of the Newsletter Section.

The project is an example of a successful teaming between a General Contractor and a DBE firm. Dakota is pleased that

our services will effectively meet a 30% participation goal.

The work is going smoothly thanks to Project Manager **Don Callen**, Operators **Dan Beaver** and **John Riffe**, and Dakota's trucking team.

Dakota has been able to meet tight deadlines and provide immediate response to work requests, employing creative solutions to get the job done.