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Progress Made Toward the 10 Goals of the Plan

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Presentation Synopsis (1-PDH):

Downtown 2025 Plan is a 15 year strategic plan to help leaders and citizens build on Downtown’s assets and guide its development in ways that reflect the community’s aspirations for a Downtown Minneapolis that is thriving, livable, green, connected, exciting and welcoming in the decades ahead. Steve Cramer, President and CEO of the Minneapolis Downtown Council and Downtown Improvement District, will provide an overview and update of the progress made toward reaching the 10 goals of the plan.

Meeting Location:

Agenda, RSVP & Lunch Options:

Lunch & Social Hour from 11:30-12:30 Meeting & Presentation starts at 12:30

A lunch at a cost of $15 will be available; please include your lunch choice with your RSVP. Boxed sandwich lunches will include chips, chocolate chip cookie and beverage. Regular sandwich options: Sirloin & Ham Club, Turkey & Ham Club, Sirloin & Provolone, Ham & Cheese, or Tuna. Vegetarian meal options: Spicy Southwestern Veggie Sandwich or Greek Veggie Sandwich, or Athenian Greek Salad or Fresno Fruity 'n Fat Free Salad. Please note: salads will only include chocolate chip cookie and beverage.

Please RSVP no later than Friday, December 16th, with your intent to either partake in the lunch along with lunch choice or to come for the presentation only. Either leave a message with Michelle Larson at 651-290-5632, click the RSVP button in the left-hand column of page 1, or send an email to michelle.j.larson@usace.army.mil.
During November’s luncheon, Dr. Rob Mullins, Senior Vice President, with Stantek shared an engineering story about the design and coordination for three canal control structures in New Orleans, Louisiana, following the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Three structures were designed for a 100 year storm plus storm surge. The project consisted of a drainage challenge, since the city it was protecting was below sea level. Rob stressed the importance of safety. The three control structures were planned with 1 main design that would allow for some benefits from an O&M perspective including the ability to use interchangeable parts, and reduce on the amount of training that the maintenance and operation crews would need in operating the three sites. To give an idea of the size of these structures, Rob shared that the structures had 26 foot high gates with pumps that had intakes of approximately 7 stories tall! To add complexity to the job, only two inches of settlement was allowed over the 100 year life of the structures. The structure was supported over 24 to 30 inch steel piles that ranged from 110 to 130 feet long. The 70n megawatt buildings are able to operate off the grid for five days. The aggressive schedule for the project was accomplished using a Design Build Process that integrated the Corps of Engineers, State, Consultants and Contractors under one roof. A 3D model and BIM was used by the contractor to keep on track and budget. The entire project will be in place for Fall 2017.

A Look Into the Future: Volunteers Needed for Future City Competition

This will be the 15th year that teams from Minnesota have participated in the national Future Cities Competition and will be the 9th year that the SAME-MSP Post will be sponsoring a special award category at the Regional Finals for the team that best addresses "Readiness for Natural and Man-made Disasters." The M-SP Post needs the assistance of four volunteers on the morning of Saturday, January 21, 2017 at Dunwoody College of Technology to help select the team to receive our special award. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Peter Allen at peter.allen@stantec.com or 651-604-4801.

Got an idea for a great presentation? Let us know!

The SAME-MSP post is requesting abstracts for future technical presentations for our upcoming meetings. To suggest an idea, please prepare a short synopsis on the presentation and how it addresses health, safety and welfare of the public. Please include suggested presentation length and a short bio on the presenter(s). If firms would also like to host a meeting, let us know! Please contact Shawn Pelowitz at shawnpelowitz@ctagroup.com for presentation ideas or if you would like to host a meeting.

SAME-MSP Small Business Corner

The SAME-MSP Post would like to welcome Kim Ramsay the new Small Business Program Manager for the US Army Corps of Engineers St. Paul District. Kim previously worked as a contract specialist at the US Army Tank Automotive and Armaments Command (TACOM) Rock Island, IL facility and the Detroit Arsenal in Warren, MI and more recently as a Procurement Analyst for the US Army Program Executive Office Combat Support and Combat Service Support (PEO CS&CSS) located in Warren, MI. Kim is originally from Duluth and is enjoying being back home in Minnesota. You can contact Kim at 651-290-5723 or denette.k.ramsay@usace.army.mil.
Habitat for Humanity—Volunteers Needed!

The SAME-MSP post is looking for volunteers to help with our annual Habitat for Humanity event on February 18th, 2017. We are looking for 10-13 volunteers to help from 8:30 AM to 4 PM. Please contact Rebekah Hudson at rebekah.hudson@jedunn.com if you’d like to sign up. Lunch and T-shirts will be provided for all volunteers!