Post President’s Notes

Spring has brought out the best in the SAME Northern Virginia Post with many interesting luncheon programs and numerous outreach and mentoring activities having been accomplished thanks to our great membership and several dedicated organizers.

In April, at George Mason University, Dr. John Balbus of NIH presented a fascinating program on an HHS initiative to build resiliency into healthcare facilities, which highlighted not only the dire need for durability as demonstrated by the damage from hurricane Sandy, but also tools and programs designed to guide planning and design going forward. Holding the event at GMU also provided an opportunity to meet with and mentor members of the SAME student chapter.

The May luncheon featured Lt. Col. Michael Ruppert who presented the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Baltimore District forecast. The information on ongoing and upcoming contracts proved very helpful for attendees who are planning business for the next year or so. Not only did I see a lot of regular member attendees, but I met several newcomer representatives who are seeking new partners.

Our June speaker, Mr. Dennis Milsten, from the VA OCFM, opened the eyes of many in the room regarding the range of facilities the VA manages and recent congressional appropriations activity that will favor new starts. June’s luncheon, like the May program, was held at the Waterford in Springfield, where we received wonderful service. Due to the difficulties of access resulting from the upgraded security posture at Fort Belvoir, the Board has found it beneficial to hold most of our meetings at other locations for a while. This does not signal the end of our relationship with Fort Belvoir and the military community located there; our relationship is strong, but the luncheons will just be a little more distant for a while.

You can read more about our outstanding programs from the last three months in the following pages of the newsletter. You can also find copies of the presentations on our website under the events tab.

I hope to see lots of you at the Post Scholarship Golf outing July 16; signups and sponsorships are still available through our website. The August luncheon will feature the induction of our new Post Board, the recognition of our scholarship winners, and briefs from our summer SAME campers. As part of our focus on September as National Preparedness Month, Mr. Phil Lacombe USAF (Ret.), of the Parsons Corporation, will speak on Industrial Control System/SCADA vulnerabilities, critical infrastructure resilience and protection of those systems.

Over the last several months, the generous members of the NoVA Post also participated in numerous K-12 outreach events, made contributions in support of Wounded Warriors, awarded $15,000 in scholarships to current and rising college students, and funded both students and a counselor to attend three SAME summer camps.

During this last year as President of the Post, I have had the great pleasure of working with the members of the SAME NoVA Board to help bring these programs to our membership and community. I very much appreciate their enthusiasm and professionalism, and I truly treasure their friendship. I look forward to continuing to work with the Board next year in my new capacity as past post president and to seeing all of you at future SAME events.

Capt. Robert Bevins, P.E., USCG
President, Northern Virginia Post
Email: robert.a.bevins@uscg.mil  NoVA Post website: www.novasame.org
Mr. John M. Balbus, MD, MPH, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, National Institutes of Health spoke at the April 2, 2015 NoVA Post meeting. The meeting was held on the George Mason University campus, an annual tradition in order for the GMU SAME/DBIA Student Chapter members to be able to more easily participate in a Post meeting. Dr. Balbus’ topic was “The HHS Sustainable and Climate Resilient Health Care Facilities Initiative.”

Post First Vice President, Capt. Keith Ingalsbe, P.E., USCG, presented another Post Award (Student Member of the Year) to Leona “Roz” Roszkowski. Roz was formerly with the U.S. Navy, and now she serves as the 2014-2015 GMU SAME/DBIA Student Chapter President.

Above: Post First Vice President, Capt. Keith Ingalsbe, P.E., USCG, presents a Post Coin to Dr. Balbus
Below: Capt. Ingalsbe presents the Post Student Member of the Year Award to Leona “Roz” Roszkowski

Capt. Bob Bevins, P.E., USCG, also awarded more Post Awards at the May meeting. Members who were recognized were:

- Capt. Jay Manik, P.E., F.SAME, USCG (Ret.), CDM Smith - Member of the Year
- AFG - Small Business Sustaining Member of the Year, for its services to the federal sector and to the SAME NoVA Post

“AFG is once again thrilled to take home this prestigious honor, and we remain dedicated to continuing our support to SAME in their valuable mission of supporting our profession and our mission for years to come,” said Paul Szmurlo, P.E., AFG Director PM/CM Programs.

Above: Post President Capt. Bob Bevins presents the Post Member of the Year Award to former Post President, Capt. Jay Manik, P.E., F.SAME, USCG (Ret.), CDM Smith, who co-chaired the 2014 SAME Mid-Atlantic Joint Engineer Training Symposium.

Above (top): Post President Capt. Bob Bevins presents a Post Coin to LTC Ruppert; Above (bottom): Post President Capt. Bob Bevins presents the Post Sustaining Member of the Year (Small Business) Award to AFG members, Renee Parker, Post Programs Director, and Syrina Gudnitz, Communications and Public Relations Manager.
The NoVA Post held its June monthly meeting on June 4, 2015 at the Waterford in Springfield, Va. The featured speaker was Mr. Dennis Milsten, Associate Executive Director, Office of Operations, Department of Veterans Affairs, VA Office of Construction and Facilities Management. He gave “VA Policy/Program Update.” With the average of Veterans Affairs buildings approaching 60 years, the VA is facing major construction and renovation projects. Although there are currently 50 major construction projects, the Las Vegas VA Medical Center was the first new hospital completed in 17 years. Louisville will be the next replacement medical facility.

A copy of Mr. Milsten’s presentation is on the Post website at http://www.novasame.org/presentations.htm. Please be sure to refer to those slides for more information on projects and the five new VA districts (effective June 30).
On Thursday, April 9, 2015, the Northern Virginia Post was again one of the Partners in the “NoVA Outside” annual signature event, the School Environmental Action Showcase (SEAS). The event was a day-long experience for more than 500 elementary and secondary school students from over 50 local schools. Teachers and school representatives also attended the event. Bill Kilpatrick manned the NoVA SAME table that was well-located under a large tented area around Mason Pond.

NoVA Outside is an alliance of environmental educators whose goal is to teach people of all ages about their natural environment. The SEAS event is designed especially for elementary and secondary school students to spark their curiosity and expand their knowledge of environmental issues.

As a Partner in the event, the NoVA Post again provided a hands-on activity for the students. The Post’s activity was called “Strong Boat” in which students constructed a small boat from a piece of 6-inch by 6-inch aluminum foil and then loaded it with pennies to see how many it would hold before sinking, all in under 3 minutes! The activity was well received by students, and over 90 of them participated - and many more observed it. Some of the teachers even tried the activity! We awarded participation certificates to the students (and teachers) who took part in the fun - and educational - activity.

The Home Depot store in Fairfax was kind enough to provide most of the supplies and materials needed for the activity, and we are extremely grateful for their generous support!
Arlington Diocesan Regional Science Fair

The Arlington Diocese again invited the NoVA Post to provide judges for the Regional Science Fair held at Paul VI Catholic High School. Bill Kilpatrick, Ellen O’Donnell and Linda Force from the Post provided support for the Science Fair judging on Saturday, April 18, 2015. This was the ninth consecutive year that the NoVA Post has provided judges. The event attracted over 350 entries from 36 middle schools (7th and 8th graders) in the Diocese. The entries were either first place awardees or chosen projects from each of the schools, i.e., the best of the best!

As special awards, the Post awarded one first place prize ($50 and SAME messenger bag) and four awards with distinction, with Certificates of Excellence to each of the students. The award winners were:

- **First Place**: Katie Starchville, St. Thereesa School - “Rocket Nose Cone Performance”
- **Distinction**:
  - Anna Elenterio - Nativity School - “Race to the Top”
  - Matthew Fonda - Queen of Apostles - “Breaking Bridges”
  - Amelia Metcalf - St. Andrew the Apostle - “A Raft Powered by Surface Tension”
  - Ben Nethery - St. Bernadette - “Effect of Shape on Parachute Descent Rate”

Bill Kilpatrick, HPE, was asked to present the Certificates to all five NoVA SAME award recipients at the Awards Ceremony. Katie and her family members will attend one of the Post’s luncheon meetings as our guests. Katie will bring her excellent display board and other display items to the luncheon meeting for members to discuss the project with her.

Above: Katie Starchville’s display (top); NoVA Post volunteer judges (center); view of some of the science projects in the Paul VI gymnasium (bottom).

Above: Bill Kilpatrick with NoVA Post First Place winner, Katie Starchville
Marshall High School Freshman Honors Science Fair

The NoVA Post participated in the Marshall High School Freshman Honors Science Fair on May 5, 2015. According to Barbara Brown, the Science Fair organizer, more than 400 students entered the fair (for a total of 250 projects since many students were in teams of two). NoVA Post members, Captain Keith Ingalsbe, P.E., USCG, and Dr. William Kilpatrick, P.E., LEED AP ID+C, HPE, were two of the more than 60 judges.

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K-12 Outreach Program (continued)

Scholarship Receipients and Engineering & Construction Campers

Mark your calendars! You will not want to miss out on our Student Recognition monthly meeting on Thursday, August 3, 2015. At this popular annual event, the NoVA Post gets to recognize its Scholarship Recipients, and the students who attended one of the Service Engineering and Construction Camps give a short presentation of their camp experience.

The 2015 Scholarship Recipients are:

- Michael Bailey - currently a senior at James Madison High School/Marshall Academy; he will be a freshman at George Mason University in the fall (Computer Science)
- Jiwon (Joyce) Choi - currently a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology; she will be a freshman at Duke University (Computer Science & Electrical Engineering) in the fall.
- Lucas Lin - currently a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology; he will be a freshman at Stanford University in the fall (studying Computer Science & Bioengineering)
- Caroline Manik - currently a freshman at George Mason University; she will be a sophomore at GMU in the fall (studying Civil & Environmental Engineering)
- Alejandra Martinez - currently a senior at George Mason University; she will still be studying at GMU (Civil Engineering) in the fall. Alejandra was also a scholarship recipient in 2014.
- Curtis Mason - currently a senior at George Mason University; he will be a graduate student at GMU (studying Civil & Structural Engineering)
- Emily Moschella - currently a senior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology; she will be a freshman at the Georgia Institute of Technology in the fall (studying Chemical Engineering)
- Natasha Turkmani - currently a Freshman at Princeton University; she will be a sophomore at Princeton (Civil and Environmental Engineering) in the fall. Natasha was also sponsored by the NoVA Post to attend the U.S. Army Engineering and Construction Camp in June 2013. [See the July-September 2013 edition of the Northern Virginia Postscripts, page 9, for her letter of appreciation.]

The 2015 Campers (all from Lake Braddock Secondary School in Burke, Va.) are:

- Harry Fulton - a rising junior. He attended the U.S. Marine Corps Camp at Camp Lejeune, N.C. in June 2015
- Daniel Spack - a rising junior. He attended the U.S. Army Camp at Vicksburg, Mississippi in June 2015.

Congratulations to all the rising STEM stars!
GMU Student Chapter News

GMU Student Chapter April Meeting

The George Mason University Student Chapter held its April meeting on Monday, April 13. Elizabeth Burkhart of Collins Engineering gave a presentation on Collins’ underwater structure inspections program. These inspection programs include the use of dive certified civil and structural engineers who perform underwater inspections. Another inspection method introduced was their 3D laser scanning equipment to determine underwater structural issues. PS

Left: Elizabeth Burkhart of Collins Engineering speaking at the GMU Student Chapter April meeting

GMU Student Chapter New Officers

Congratulations to the new slate of officers of the George Mason University SAME Student Chapter: President - Curtis Mason, Vice President - Alejandra Martinez, Treasurer - Adam Evans, and Secretary - Caroline Manik. PS
National Rebuilding Day (NRD) is an event coordinated by Rebuilding Together Alexandria (www.rebuildingtogetheralex.org), since 1986, relying on the generous support of organizations and volunteers to help provide free home repairs to in-need homeowners, including the elderly, disabled, veterans, and families with children.

On April 25, 2015, the Northern Virginia Post joined more than 700 volunteers scattered throughout the City of Alexandria to help hundreds of residents live in safe and healthy homes! Volunteers renovated homes and non-profit facilities across Alexandria, Virginia...rebuilding walkways, installing grab bars, replacing doors and windows, fixing leaky faucets, removing buckled carpet, building community gardens, replacing kitchen cabinets, painting, installing ceiling fans, and so much more! The NoVA Post was a sponsor for this event through the generous donation of $1,300 from CDM Smith, a sustaining member.

The NoVA Post was assigned a House Project for NRD, and preparations for the event began over a month in advance, including submitting a sponsorship application pledging to donate money towards the repair efforts, gathering volunteers across the Northern Virginia Post members, identifying a House Captain and Assistant House Captain to organize project tasks for the volunteers, meeting the homeowner and conducting a site visit to the house, and meeting with the assigned House Team Leader to shop for materials needed for the repairs.

NRD was an 8-hour day and was a great success due to the efforts of unwavering and enthusiastic volunteers who worked tirelessly to ensure that repairs were completed efficiently and properly. Upon completion of the repairs, the homeowner was very appreciative of the repairs performed by our NoVA Post members.

Special thanks to the volunteers:

- Corinn Bovi (Manhattan Construction)
- Aileen Craig (CDM Smith)
- Rodney Peterson - Assistant House Captain (CDM Smith)
- Luisa Robinson (CDM Smith)
- Mohammed Sarr (CDM Smith)
- Rick Thrash (CDM Smith)
- Vanessa Aririguzo (CDM Smith)

Our Northern Virginia Post members donated over 60 volunteer hours to make NRD a success.

[Editor’s Note: Thank you to House Captain, Vanessa Aririguzo (CDM Smith), for coordinating this event, submitting this report and photographs.]

Above: Corinn Bovi (left) and Aileen Craig (right) replace a damaged screen on a screen door. Photo taken by Vanessa Aririguzo.
National Rebuilding Day (continued)

A few words from the Volunteers:

“Overall I had a good experience on April 25th and felt like I got a lot accomplished in that one day.” - Rich Thrash (CDM Smith)

“Vanessa, it was a good volunteer work. Thanks for coordinating.” - Luisa Robinson (CDM Smith)

Left, top: Aileen Craig (left) and Luisa Robinson (right) replace a damaged screen on a screen door with advice from the House Team Leader, Brian Anderson (center). Photo taken by Vanessa Aririguzo.

Left, bottom: Mohammed Sarr (left) and Vanessa Aririguzo (right) install a ceiling fan in the dining room. Photo taken by Luisa Robinson.
NoVA Post Young Member News (continued)

Discover Engineering Family Day (continued)

Above: Rich Thrash replaces a smoke detector. [Photograph taken by Luisa Robinson.]

Above: Rodney Peterson paints the concrete stairs with non-skid paint. [Photograph taken by Luisa Robinson.]

NoVA SAME Post Credentialing Achievement Awards Program

The NoVA Post would like to remind you that we continue to support the Credentialing Achievement Awards Program (CAAP) to promote the professional development of SAME Young Members (must be less than or equal to age 39 by the application due date), NCOs, and Student Members. Applicants must also provide an official pass/fail notification (applicant must have achieved a passing score on the exam at the time of application), and applicants must provide an invoice of payment from the exam administrator showing the applicant paid all fees at the time the application is submitted.

Post Education and Mentoring funds can be used to reimburse the above Post members for examination fees incurred for successfully obtained State Professional Registration Certification (e.g., Fundamentals of Engineering and/or Professional Engineering licenses). The guidelines and application is found on the Post website at http://novasame.org/professionaldevelopment.html. Please email completed forms to the Post Continuing Education Director, Jim Donahue, P.E., F.SAME at jamesdonahue@comcast.net. Refunds will be made to the member by check.

PS
Major General Timothy Byers, F.SAME, USAF (Ret.), Atkins, was one of three recipients to be awarded the SAME President’s Medal for 2014-2015. SAME President Col. John W. Mogge, Ph.D., RA, F.SAME, USAF (Ret.) presented the medal to Mr. Byers at the May 2015 Joint Engineer Training Conference and Expo in Houston, Texas. When presenting the medal, Col. Mogge stated, “I selected Mr. Byers for the 2014-2015 President’s Medal because of his outstanding and timely work in chairing the SAME National Officer Nomination Committee. Tim worked tirelessly to lead his team through the screening of many highly qualified senior members arriving at a nomination slate who will serve the Society exceptionally as we transition our succession planning and governance model to a completely civilian led team. Specifically, his committee encouraged well qualified members to engage their companies, seek their financial support and align them to a nominated Director, Vice President, and President-Elect role. Ultimately each nominee was presented to our general membership for their endorsement and was confirmed. This screening and nomination committee completed the most important task to SAME’s future, and that is the successful identification and placement of our future leadership team. The 2014-2015 President’s Medal is awarded to Tim Byers for this work and his tireless service to SAME in many other capacities as well.”

The SAME President’s Medal, which was first awarded in 1992, is given for outstanding leadership and accomplishment in support of the SAME Strategic Plan during the President’s year of office. The other two recipients were Capt. Mike Blount, P.E., LEED AP BD&C, F.SAME, USN (Ret.) of Balfour Beatty Construction and Col. Sal Nodjomian, P.E., F.SAME, USAF (Ret.) of Matrix Design Group.

Tim is a past National President, a Fellow of the Society, and a member of the Northern Virginia Post. He is a senior vice president with Atkins.

Welcome, President Penny

The Northern Virginia Post welcomes Jane Penny, P.E., F.SAME, AECOM, who was sworn in as SAME President on May 21, 2015 at the Joint Engineer Training Conference and Expo. She has served as a civilian engineer with the U.S. Air Force, has held leadership positions in the civil service, private industry, and at all SAME levels. She has now become the first woman to serve as SAME President since the Society’s founding in 1920. The NoVA Post looks forward to working with President Penny.

[Photos used with the permission of SAME HQ.]
SAME held its 2015 Joint Engineer Training Conference and Expo from May 19-21, 2015 at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas. Many of the NoVA Post members were able to attend JETC and take advantage of its many offerings and networking opportunities. Attendees included three Young Members from the NoVA Post: Vanessa Aririguzo, CDM Smith; Corinn Bovi, Manhattan Construction; and Philip Green, Green Powered Technology.

The NoVA Post was one of 60 Posts that were named Distinguished Posts at the Annual Awards Breakfast, and the Middle Atlantic Region (which the NoVA Post is part of) was one of 7 regions named Distinguished Regions.

Above Left: Linda McKnight, F.SAME and Melanie Barber, both of Versar and Above Right: Vanessa Aririguzo, CDM Smith and Ed Gibson, 21 Delta Search.

Above Left: Middle Atlantic Regional Vice President Mary Anderson, Schnabel Engineering

[Photos used with the permission of SAME HQ.]
April 12, 2015 marked the sixth year that the SAME Northern Virginia Post lent its support to Fort Belvoir’s annual Potomac River watershed cleanup. While our group was small this year, our contribution was not.

For 27 years, the Alice Ferguson Foundation (AFF) has been organizing cleanups and using them as team-building exercises to establish a community dedicated to doing something about the Potomac River’s trash problem. Seeking to strengthen its ties with its neighbors and to be a good steward to the area’s natural resources, Fort Belvoir has participated in the AFF’s annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup for 26 of those 27 years!

While Sunday morning’s crowd was smaller than in previous years, the productivity was not. Overall, the collection was on par with last year despite having less than half the volunteers.

Kevin Walter, the Fort Belvoir DPW Environmental and Natural Resources Division’s event coordinator, estimated that the volunteer force was down to 80 people from the previous year’s 200, but he counted 155 bags of garbage, 65 tires, and 4 50-gallon drums were collected - actually surpassing the 2014 collection!

While it is difficult to say with any certainty so early in the reporting cycle, that trend appeared to be consistent across the entire watershed as of April 13, 2015. With only 58 sites reporting, the Alice Ferguson Foundation estimated 1,481 volunteers collected 87 tons of trash - less volunteers but similar tonnage as last year.

Above: Outside Fort Belvoir’s Environmental Education Center, volunteers enjoy the breakfast provided by SAME while they wait for the safety briefing before receiving their group assignments
On SAME’s behalf, Dewberry provided donuts, muffins, bagels and fruit with coffee and juice for the group that mainly consisted of service members and their families. The NoVA Post was represented by John Cardenas from Urban Engineering, his wife Stephanie Cardenas, and Rob Snow from Dewberry.

Since NoVA Post’s inception, Fort Belvoir has supported us in our efforts - this event is one small way for us to give back, and we do not intend to stop helping with it any time soon!

A thank you note from Fort Belvoir DPW:

“Rob, Fort Belvoir Environmental and Natural Resources Division would like to thank you and SAME for providing breakfast and volunteering at the Potomac River Watershed Cleanup. This year you were part of 135 volunteers who collected 155 bags of trash, 65 tires, and 4 50-gallon drums - along with a multitude of scrap metal and plastic!

We hope you and SAME can participate next year. Thanks!

Kevin E. Walter
Natural Resource Specialist
U.S. army Garrison Fort Belvoir
Directorate of Public Works”

[Editor’s Note: Thank you to Rob Snow, Dewberry, for submitting this report and photographs - and to Rob, John and Stephanie Cardenas for “pitching in!”]
Post Scholarship Fund Raiser

Come join us for the
2015
Scholarship Golf Outing

Thursday
July 16
1:30 p.m. shotgun start

1757 Golf Club
45120 Waxpool Road
Sterling, Virginia

Tournament Agenda:
Noon–1:30 p.m.
Registration / Driving Range / Lunch Buffet
1:30 p.m.
Shotgun Start
6:30–8:00 p.m.
Awards / Cocktail Reception / Dinner Buffet

We encourage our Fellows and Sustaining Members to sponsor a young member or wounded warrior to play in their foursome to support our outreach program.

$110 per player or $90 for Active Duty Military or Government
Includes:
• Greens fees
• Golf cart
• Lunch and dinner
• Drink tickets
• Chance for door prizes

$40 Dinner Reception Only
For the non-golfers, come to network and share in the festivities! We will have a full buffet and beverages. You are also eligible for door prizes.

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15,000 Hole-In-One Prize sponsored by InfraMap

Prizes also awarded for:
Longest Drive, Straightest Drive, and Closest to the Pin!
Sponsorship Information

Platinum Sponsor Package ($1,000 each)
- Your company logo and Web link posted on the SAME NoVA Web site
- 1 foursome
- 1 hole sponsorship with company signage
- Opportunity to display marketing materials at hole of choice
- Logo displayed during networking time at June meeting

Gold Sponsor Package ($600 each)
- Your company logo and Web link posted on the SAME NoVA Web site
- 2 players
- 1 hole sponsorship with company signage
- Logo displayed during networking time at June meeting

Longest Drive / Closest to the Pin / Straightest Drive Prize Sponsor ($200)

Hole Sponsor ($125 each)

Beverage Cart Sponsor ($500)

Trophy Sponsor ($500)
Your company may assist in awarding trophies

Donations for registration packages and prizes (i.e., golf balls, tees, hats, etc.) are welcome!

Payment Information
Make checks payable to “SAME NoVA Post” or use your credit card at our Eventbrite site: www.novasamegolf.eventbrite.com

Send questions and payments to:
Stuart Harrison
AECOM
6564 Loisdale Road, Suite 500
Springfield, VA 22150
703-224-4231
cell: 571-327-4725
stuart.harrison@aecom.com

NOTE: Proper golf attire is required; for example, golf shirt with collar, golf sweater, golf sweatshirt, golf slacks, golf shoes or soft-soled shoes. Please, no denim or collarless shirts.
### Upcoming SAME NoVA Post Events

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### NoVA Post Reminder

Please remember to always register for advertised Post events through the website. Accurate numbers are essential for planning. Note that we no longer use Paypal, but registration and payment are convenient and easy via the Eventbrite website at: [http://novasamebelvoir.eventbrite.com](http://novasamebelvoir.eventbrite.com).

While we welcome all attendees, walk-ins can be difficult to accommodate on short notice and can adversely impact the quality of the event overall. Thank you for your cooperation.

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**The NoVA Post is currently meeting at:**

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Post Sustaining Member News

AFG Wins 5-Year GSA Construction Management Contract for St. Elizabeths’ Phase II Project

Herndon, VA, April 17, 2015: AFG Group, Inc., a leading construction program management and relocation services firm, was recently awarded a 5-year contract to provide Construction Management support services to support GSA in implementing the 1.375 MSF Phase II portion of the US Department of Homeland Security’s Consolidation to St. Elizabeths’ Campus in Washington, D.C.

AFG Group, with subcontractor Parsons and AFG Protégé firm VYD and Associates, will begin work immediately managing the $139M, 265,000 SF renovation for a new DHS headquarters. When funding becomes available, additional projects will include: a 375,000 SF Operation Center, a 759,000 SF FEMA Headquarters, and parking structure and infrastructure renovation projects. If all options are funded, these additional projects could result in over $15M in fees to the AFG Team. AFG’s Director of Programs/Construction Management Services, Paul Szmurlo, PE, will be the Firm’s Contract Executive overseeing the contract from pre-design through post-construction. Mr. Szmurlo will work with Andrew Shipman, CCM, LEED-AP, AFG’s Senior Project Manager/Director who will supervise the day-to-day on-site work.

Currently, the DHS headquarters consolidation is the largest federal project since construction of the Pentagon. All construction program phases are estimated to be from $3-4 Billion. “This will be the largest project in AFG’s portfolio. We welcome the opportunity to increase our capacity in providing our full range of construction management capabilities,” said Cheryl O’Connor, AFG’s CEO.

AFG Group Appoints Selena Lo as Market Sector Business Leader

Herndon, VA, June 23, 2015: AFG Group, Inc. announces the appointment of Selena Lo (a member of the NoVA SAME Post) as Business and Client Liaison Leader for their Health, Research and Education markets. Based in their Washington, D.C. area office, Ms. Lo will serve as the Client Solutions and Project Development Specialist for all regional and national initiatives. She holds a DIPARCH from Oxford Brookes University and a BA (HONS) in Architecture from Plymouth University, England.

Selena brings over 25 years of experience in programming, planning, design and construction management working successfully in the federal, healthcare, corporate, higher education and retail sectors. Selena will directly support AFG Vice President Kenneth J. Reese in expanding AFG’s geographic and market reach to include the Midwest, Mid-Atlantic, and Northeast areas as well as the metropolitan Washington, D.C. market.

“We are extremely happy to have Selena working here at AFG. She brings a strong national and local network of clients and business partners to the AFG Team to enhance our client solutions,” said AFG Vice President Ken Reese.
Fairfax, Va., April 21, 2015: Dewberry, a privately held professional services firm, has joined the Strategic Alliance for Risk Reduction (STARR II), a joint venture of Atkins and Stantec, to provide technical consulting and support services to the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The STARR II joint venture assists FEMA nationwide in working with communities to plan and respond to natural disasters.

STARR II is under contract to provide FEMA with production and technical services for its Risk Map program, Hazard Mitigation Technical Assistance Program (HMTAP), and the Building Sciences Programs. The joint venture’s mission is to help make communities more resilient by providing high-quality risk data and expertise to support mitigation action. Services include flood hazard mapping, risk assessment, hazard mitigation planning, post-disaster mitigation support, and building sciences expertise.

Dewberry has provided a broad range of consulting services to FEMA, including floodplain mapping and disaster planning and response, since 1974. The firm’s team of experts includes engineers, scientists, GIS analysts, and program specialists.

Fairfax, Va., June 26, 2015: The NOAA Supplemental Sandy Topobathymetric Lidar and Imagery project received the LCDR Peter Johnson Best Practices Award at the Joint Airborne Lidar Bathymetry Technical Center of Expertise (JALBTCX) Annual Airborne Coastal Mapping and Charting Workshop in Corvallis, Oregon. Dewberry accepted the award for the collection and processing of the data as the primary contractor for the project, which was designed to enable accurate and consistent measurement of the national shoreline following Hurricane Sandy. This award recognizes the Dewberry team’s accomplishment of completing a demanding airborne lidar survey with a clearly defined challenge that was achieved with notable success within the past two years. The data collected provides seamless topobathymetric data for various applications within the entire coastal community, as well as supporting mapping, charting, geodesy services, marine debris surveys, and coastal shoreline modeling for the coastal states affected by Hurricane Sandy.

The Dewberry team acquired and produced lidar products for the entire project area, 1,200 linear coastal miles from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, to Long Island, New York. The Dewberry team also acquired and produced high-resolution orthoimagery. The seamless topobathymetric lidar and imagery products are being used to create the updated national shoreline along the Eastern Atlantic Seaboard. The Dewberry team included Quantum Spatial, Richard Crouse & Associates, Woolpert, The Atlantic Group, and Tuck Mapping Solutions.
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On September 23 and September 24, 2015 SAME will be offering two continuing education courses in Alexandria, Va., “Know Yourself, Live Your Mission, Lead Your People: How to be a More Effective Leader” and “Critical Thinking, Judgment and Effective Decision Making.” Both courses are one day and worth 8 PDHs and 8 AIA LUs. SAME is offering a $100 discount to the local Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and Northern Virginia Posts if you register by contacting registration@same.org.

NoVA Post in the News

Photos and information on the Washington, D.C./Northern Virginia Posts 9th Annual Joint Small Business Event was posted to the SAME Bricks & Clicks blog on May 5, 2015 (screen shot at left). Jeannine Nelson contributed most of the information, and Connie Myers filled in with some photos from the successful event and a link to the presentations. The complete article can be found on the SAME website at http://sameblog.org/?p=15430.

Note from Your Postscripts Editor

It has been a privilege and an honor to serve the Northern Virginia Post as Publicity Director and Postscripts Editor. Since 2008, except for a brief leave of absence in 2011 when my capable associate, Francise Jackson, stepped up and made sure the newsletters continued, I have endeavored to communicate all the news of our Post and about what all our dedicated Individual members, Sustaining Member firms, and Public Sector members have accomplished for the benefit of our community, Wounded Warriors, students, as well as updates in the business opportunities. After much thought, however, I have decided it is time to pass the baton. Donna Vereb and her talented and energetic team at AECOM will bring you news about and from this Post. Please direct any questions or press releases to Donna at Donna.Vereb@aecom.com.

I want to personally thank my employer, Atkins (a long-time Large Business Sustaining Member of SAME), for their support and encouragement for me to serve the Post. I also could not have served in this capacity without the assistance and support from SAME Headquarters, from many dedicated members on the Post Board of Directors as well as from Post members at large. I have been blessed by all of you and thank you for all you have done for SAME and for the NoVA Post. Please keep in touch with me at connie.myers@atkinsglobal.com. Thank you! - Connie Myers, Publicity Director of SAME NoVA Post.
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