Message From the President

Dear Omaha Post Members,

The Omaha Post is thriving with many exciting things happening this spring. I encourage you to take time to participate in these special events.

This week, we start off with the student mentoring competition at the Scott Conference Center on April 3. This event is the focal point of several months of partnering and teaming between students in the Omaha-area and our members. This is the 20th year we’ve offered the student mentoring program with the Peter Kiewit Institute. I hope you can stop by to see the projects and congratulate the students for their accomplishments. If past history is any indication, some of these students will go on to become future engineers.

We have a unique opportunity and a very interesting program planned April 22 at the Scott Conference Center with the Nebraska Society of Professional Engineers. Brian Schuele with Olsson Associates will talk about the Omaha National Cemetery Project in Sarpy County, Nebraska. This luncheon is also a wonderful opportunity to network with NSPE members. NSPE and SAME members face many of the same challenges, and we certainly have this in common - a mutual respect for the profession of engineering.

Before the month is out, remember to register for the SAME Omaha Post Industry Day and Golf Outing. All traces of winter should be long gone before the tee up on May 5 at the Tiburon Golf Club. This is a great chance to socialize, enjoy the weather, a great game of golf, and do some networking on the green. Our Industry Day is again planned at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Mark your calendar for May 6-7, and register early.

The theme of this year’s Industry Day, Adapt to Thrive, seems to be a common theme in both military and public engineering today. Working smarter, being more efficient, and most importantly being open and adaptable to change are essential to our success.

Have a wonderful spring and thanks again for all you do!

COL Joel Cross
Omaha Post President
Calendar of Events

April 3, 2014
20th ANNIVERSARY SMP COMPETITION DAY and AWARDS CEREMONY
LOCATION
Scott Conference Center
TIME
Competition: 8:30 AM - 3:00 pm
Project Displays: 6:00 PM
Award Ceremony: 7:00 PM
Rear Admiral Gary Engle, SAME President, will be speaking and there will be a retrospective video of SMP's 20 years. Through Mike Baldino's efforts, the Governor has proclaimed April 3rd Omaha Post SAME Day and he will be speaking via a pre-recorded video. This is a landmark event for the Post. If you haven't yet attended an SMP Competition, this is the year to do so.

April 22, 2014
SAME OMAHA POST and NESPE JOINT MEETING
LOCATION/TIME
Scott Conference Center/11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
SPEAKER
Brian Scheule, Land Development Engineer
Olsson Associates
TOPIC
Omaha National Cemetery: Update on new VA Cemetery in Eastern Nebraska

May 5-7, 2014
OMAHA POST INDUSTRY DAY AND GOLF OUTING
The golf outing will be held on Monday, May 5, 2014 at the Tiburon Golf Club at 10302 S. 168th Street, Omaha, Nebraska.
This year's Industry Day event will be held at the Embassy Suites, Downtown Omaha at 555 S. 10th Street on May 6-7, 2014.

June 12, 2014
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
LOCATION/TIME
Field Club/11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
SPEAKER
HDR (under water robotics)/Zapata (range support robotics)
TOPIC
MMRP Robotics

message from the editor

The Omaha Post is currently accepting articles, press releases, members in the news, job opportunities, etc., for the Summer 2014 newsletter. Please e-mail your articles by June 27, 2014 to Gina Raven at gina.raven@hdrinc.com.
Planes, Trains and Engineers!

By: Bill Glismann, PE

The 2014 E-Week banquet was held February 20th at the Strategic Air and Space Museum in Ashland. While dining amongst the airplanes, the banquet attendees learned about the history of the Union Pacific Railroad from Patricia LaBounty, Collections and Outreach Manager for the Union Pacific Railroad Museum in Council Bluffs Iowa. Her presentation focused on the beginning of Union Pacific and the transcontinental railroad, the issues with its construction and the early impact the railroad had on our country. She also spoke about how the Union Pacific, which celebrated their 150th anniversary last year, has grown since the construction.

During the banquet, several organizations presented awards, including the SAME Omaha Post, Post’s Presidents Awards. Post president, Col. Joel Cross honored Jeanne LeBron of Altus Architectural Studios and Kim Collins of the US Army Corps of Engineers, for their service to the Post. Additional information on the awards for Jeanne and Kim is in another article in this newsletter.

Awards were also presented by Engineer’s Roundtable to members of the roundtable for numerous years of service to the committee. Those honored were SAME member Chris Langon and John Hill of Lamp Rynearson & Associates, Elizabeth Hunter of Leo A Daly Company, Roger Figard of City of Lincoln Public Works, and Donn Shaffer and Jeff Stevens of Shaffer & Stevens PC.

ACEC Nebraska recognized their 2014 Engineering Excellence Awards Grand Award Winner. The award winning project was the Nicholas Street Sewer Extension Phase I project designed by Lamp Rynearson & Associates for the City of Omaha. Also on the project team were Theile Geotech, CH2M Hill, Midwest Right-of-Way Group and Trekk Design Group. The project addressed the first of several phases of sewer separation in a drainage area of about 3,650 acres in the north downtown area of Omaha. One of the unique aspects of the project was the construction of three 108 inch and one 24 inch sewer pipes within a common trench.

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) recognized Pam Dingman of Engineering Design Consultants for winning the national 2013 SWE Entrepreneur Award. SWE also recognized SAME member Cybil Boss of URS Corporation by presenting her with their section Leadership Award for her great leadership in organizing the SWE 5 State Regional Conference.

In addition to the SAME members receiving awards, SAME was well represented at the E-Week banquet with 18% of the attendees being members of the Omaha Post.

Welcome New Members

Mr. Derek Sanchez
Tepa, LLC

Ms. Jessica Branigan
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District

Mr. Ed Bishop
HDR

Ms. Christie Murray
URS Corporation

Mr. Tommy Bartlett
Tepa, LLC

Mr. Chris Reis, PE
Mead & Hunt, Inc.

Mr. Tony Hofmann
Stantec, Inc.

Ms. Bryanna Pockrandt
Stantec, Inc.

Mr. Mark Spadaro
Dyna-Tech Aviation Services, Inc.

Mr. Ryan Elam, PE
BHC RHODES

Mr. Mike Benck
Alvine Engineering
2014 Post President’s Awards
By: Dave Packard

Omaha Post President COL Joel Cross presented the 2014 Post President’s Awards to Kimberly Collins, Omaha Post Secretary and Jeanne Lebron, FSAME, a member of the Omaha Post and Missouri River Regional Vice President.

Kim has served as the Omaha Post Secretary for many terms and had never been recognized for her selfless efforts in the position. COL Cross cited her long-term commitment to the Society and strong support of the Omaha Post as she provides the strong lines of communication that are necessary for successful operation of the Post.

Jeanne was recognized for her vision and drive to improve the Post through constant engagement as an experienced leader and private sector professional. She asks leading questions and keeps the Omaha Post focused on the future, always striving to develop strength within the Post leadership.

COL Cross recognized the notable efforts of both of these great Omaha Post members, noting that they are instrumental in allowing him to function better as the Omaha Post President of SAME. Please take a moment to congratulate Kim and Jeanne and extend your appreciation for the work they’ve done to make this a better Post for all members!
Preserving the Past to Accommodate the Future
By: Cheryl A. Moore, Public Affairs Specialist

If you have been in the military or around military bases, you have probably heard or have seen for yourself how living spaces at most Air Force bases have a great quality of life appeal to them. The quality of work put into these accommodations, across the globe, make way for some of the better quality of life experiences in the Armed Forces.

Dormitory 236 at F. E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo. is one example of the great quality of life afforded to military members stationed there. Renovation of this dorm was a project performed by an in-house design team from the Omaha District.

The design for Dorm 236 began in the fall of 2007 and construction was completed in the winter of 2010. The in-house design team included: Michael Morrison, Architectural Design; Jeff Tessin, Civil Engineering; Maria Luckey, Interior Design; Douglas Meier, Structural Design; Tim Welsh and Galen Rejda, Mechanic Engineering; John Sawick and Jim Lowe, Electrical; Brian Nohr, LEED Coordinator; and Michael Pisci, Project Manager.

Dorm 236 was one of three facility designs earning top honors in the Air Force Design Awards competition. Dorm 236 exceeded Air Force Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Silver requirements without additional cost, attaining certified LEED Gold with 41 credits while being very energy efficient. LEED is a green building tool that addresses the entire building lifecycle recognizing best-in-class building strategies.

Built in 1908, and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Dorm 236 is a part of the heritage of F. E. Warren Air Force Base. The base is the oldest continuously active military installation in the Air Force, and Dorm 236 is just one of more than 220 red brick buildings constructed on base from 1885 through 1930 and similar aesthetically to the red brick buildings located at Offutt Air Force Base, Bellevue, Neb.

“Dorm 236 renovation is an excellent example of a project that successfully balances historic preservation and the modern needs of Air Force living quarters,” said Nohr. Part of the design submittal pointed out that Dorm 236 needed to be updated to current Air Force dormitory standards, while also repairing and replacing materials due to the normal wear and tear of use and weather infiltration from small areas of roof failure.

The Omaha District team performed a complete demolition and reconfiguration of the interior. Because this is a registered historic building, the building’s exterior had to be preserved while complying with the State Historic Preservation Office standards. “A significant challenge was to replace the existing two-person dorm units with four-person units,” said Meier. “Creative design work such as using existing doors as windows for dorm rooms, and consultation with the owner produced a design that met the needs of both historic preservation and functionality.”

Morrison explained how architectural compatibility was maintained with other surrounding facilities on the installation. "By salvaging the existing shell and redesigning the interior to comply with current standards, Dorm 236 inherently incorporates the concepts of reuse and reconfiguration," Morrison said.

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“The exterior was repaired and finishes replaced with salvaged materials, windows and doors were replaced with energy efficient units that matched the façade, and two pairs of historic doors were reused in place as windows, instead of being removed.”

Sustainability was achieved in this project through the reuse of 96 percent of the exterior shell and floors. “Dorm 236 project diverted 253 tons of waste, 55 percent of all construction waste, which is exceptional for this remote location,” Pisci said. The contractor developed a construction waste management plan prior to construction and trained sub-contractors in its use. “Materials such as clean wood, concrete, all metals, cardboard, and plumbing fixtures were set aside to be sent to salvagers/recyclers,” Pisci said.

Dorm 236 made an excellent use of its funding compared to the programmed amount for the project and the actual construction cost to complete this project. The programmed amount was $8.5 million, and the renovated dorm had a final cost of $7,278,923. “One reason for this was that several other dorm renovation projects had been completed by local contractors just prior to this contract, which gave them valuable experience and allowed bidding to be extremely competitive,” said Pisci. He pointed out that the project’s interior finishes were designed to be durable, attractive, and low cost.

The design philosophy made an effective use of available funds and allowed for a low overall cost, while the Omaha District Design team helped bring new life to Dorm 236, inside and out and into the future.

SAME Student Leadership Workshop

By: Matt Clausen, Civil Engineering Major
University of Nebraska at Omaha

This year’s student leadership workshop was held at the Embassy Suites in Las Vegas, Nevada. Roughly 30 Posts were represented by 45 different student leaders. Thursday evening before dinner, Dr. Wolff and RADM (Ret.) Engle both spoke about SAME regarding what the national chapter represented. Friday morning each student gave a 30-second “elevator speech” on why you should join SAME. After each student spoke, we went around the room again discussing our post, including size, how recently it was founded, and what issues and successes we have encountered. After each speaker, the other student leaders were able to ask questions or make suggestions about certain practices.

Friday afternoon we took a bus tour to Nellis AFB and visited the largest photovoltaic (solar) array in the United States. Then we proceeded to the home of the Thunderbirds, the US Air Force flight demonstration team. Friday evening before dinner, we watched a video of the current history of SAME.

Saturday morning we attended a round table discussion of things that we would be interested in seeing or have Posts provide to us. Overall, the most important aspect of the three-day seminar was being able to meet and talk with the different student leaders and exchange ideas. As we grow older, being able to reach out to that network to get answers and talk to people who have a shared background, will be invaluable.
Student Mentoring Program

By: Gail Frame

The Omaha Post’s Student Mentoring Program (SMP) has been meeting STEM needs in the Omaha community long before anyone heard of the acronym. SAME launched the program 20 years ago with a goal of increasing the engineering potential of youth in the Omaha area. Now co-sponsored by the Peter Kiewit Institute, SMP is anticipating the 20th Annual Competition Day and Awards Ceremony slated for Thursday, April 3, at the Scott Conference Center. In honor of this 20th anniversary, SMP has changed its logo to reflect two decades of inspiring students.

There are 340 students competing on 34 SMP teams from 11 middle schools and 11 high schools—a 25% increase over last year’s participation. Presentations begin at 8:30 that morning; projects will be displayed at 6:00 pm and the award ceremony begins at 7:00 pm where SAME President, Rear Admiral Gary Engle, is expected to speak. The public is invited to all Competition Day events.

Teams were supported by over 50 industry professionals who led students through healing and memorial garden designs, school additions/renovations, community development and energy conservation projects.

SMP wouldn’t exist without the support of its teachers and mentors, but these sponsor firms also deserve credit for inspiring this year’s participants:

- DLR Group
- E W Wells Group, LLC
- HDR
- Kelly Klosure Systems
- Lamp, Rynearson & Associates, Inc.
- Leo A Daly
- Olsson Associates
- Schemmer
- URS Corporation
- Woolpert Inc.

Mentors are needed for the Student Mentoring Program. Go to http://www.sameomaha.org to find out how you can get involved!

Student Mentoring Program Marks 20 Years

For the past 20 years, Omaha area students and professional engineers have paired up through a formal Student Mentoring Program offered by the Omaha Post of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) and the Peter Kiewit Institute. Students work on projects with solution-based real-world application. Some have led to actual construction projects in the Omaha area.

“SAME launched the program 20 years ago with a goal of increasing the engineering potential of youth in the Omaha area,” said Anne Peterson, SAME Vice President of Student Mentoring. “The program was designed to focus on “real world” projects and run the same way a design team would approach a project: collaborating, problem-solving, developing a proposal and finally presenting the chosen solution to a client.”

More than 4,000 middle school and high school students have participated since the program began, according to Peterson. Some of the first students to participate in the program have completed their education and returned to the Student Mentoring Program as teachers and volunteer mentors.

Congratulations SMP!
Winter 2014 Post Leaders’ Workshop

By: Dave Packard

The Winter 2014 Post Leaders’ Workshop was held in Las Vegas, Nevada on January 30-31, 2014. SAME does a great job of preparing a relevant agenda with many opportunities for participants from throughout the Society to rub shoulders and compare notes. The event was attended by 40 Post Leaders and several SAME staff members, including Dr. Bob Wolff, P.E., F.SAME, Executive Director; Mr. Marc Bialek, (new) Director of Membership and Post Operations, and Ms. Stacy Humes (new) Post Operations Specialist.

Dr. Wolff opened the workshop with a hearty welcome and introductions followed by a review of the current version of the SAME Post Operations Manual, dated January 2014. The manual is a valuable tool for all Posts, with chapters on Governance, Ethics, and Organization; Administration; Financial Guidelines; Programs; Communications; K-12 Outreach; Membership; Awards & Recognition; and Insurance. The manual is a “must read” for all Post leaders. It provides clarity in day-to-day Post operations and answers some of the simplest questions each of us may have.

Dr. Wolff also presented a “SAME National Update”, reviewing items like the Strategic Plan and Mission/Vision statements. Goals and objectives of the Society are represented by each of the SAME Streamers. Currently, there are essentially 8 streamers including Emergency Preparedness and Infrastructure Resilience; Education and Training; Relationships and Recognition; Leadership and Mentoring; Membership; Distinguished Student Chapter (new); Distinguished Post; and Top Small, Medium and Large Post. Each year, SAME conducts a Strategic Planning Process and for 2013-2014 the Society has identified three focus areas: Energy and Sustainability; Military Transition Support; and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). Dr. Wolff also discussed Society demographics, reviewed our financial status, and the value of membership. SAME continues to develop effective methods of communications through the SAME website and social media.

Breakout Sessions provided an opportunity for more focused discussions in a small group setting. The challenges of membership recruitment, retention, and engagement, especially among the millennials (who have been characterized as non-joiners) was discussed in detail by Marc Bialek. Marc reminded those present of the value of information contained in the Chapter Leader Access System (CLAS). The system allows limited access (President, Secretary, Treasurer, Individual and Sustaining Member POCs, and Vice President), but is particularly valuable to the Post Membership POCs.

Finally, two highlights of the workshop…

A Post and Student Leader’s Dinner promoted interaction between the two generations. RADM Gary Engle, P.E., F.SAME, SAME President provided the keynote address, in which he recounted his personal growth in the profession, including critical experiences within the Society leading up to and including his current role as Society President.

On the second day of the workshop, Dr. Wolff presented the history of SAME. This excellent video is available on the SAME website at: http://www.same.org/images/stories/SAME_FINAL%20SEQUENCE_web.mov.

Post leaders were invited to share successful Post programs with the group. One of the best was shared by Nadja Turek of the Kitty Hawk Post, who presented a very interesting method presentation called “PechaKucha 20X20”. The method (developed by an architect, of course!) utilizes 20 slides set up to advance after 20 seconds each, producing a 6 minute, 40 second presentation. The presenter must be prepared to be succinct but complete, so preparation is a must…no room for rambling because at the end of the slide show, the presenter must stop. Very interesting stuff! Of course, the Omaha Post (represented by me, Dave Packard) discussed the success of our fantastic Student Mentoring Program.

I am VERY grateful to have been sponsored by the Omaha Post for attendance at this great workshop. Please do not hesitate to approach me for further discussion. &
Doug Plack Memorial Scholarship Applications Deadline Extended to April 15th

The Doug Plack Memorial Scholarship is open for applicants this year. In appreciation of his many years of volunteer assistance to the organization, the Omaha Post established the Doug Plack Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship has been established in perpetuity and will provide education and training funds for a member of the Society, or for someone in their family. The goal of the Plack Scholarship is to raise a base of $20,000, from which the annual interest (approximately $2,000) will be given to one student per year. The first recipients of the scholarship were Doug’s children, Adam and Whitney, who have now graduated. Applications for the Doug Plack Memorial Scholarship can be located at http://www.sameomaha.org/Omaha_Post_Site/Committees_Doug_Plack_Scholarship.html and are due on April 15th.

College students meeting the following criteria are eligible to apply for this scholarship:

- Candidate must currently be a sophomore, junior, senior, or graduate student enrolled in any accredited university/college.

- Candidates shall have a desired 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA.

- Candidates shall list what community service organizations or activities they have participated in within the last year.

- Candidates shall submit a minimum 250 word essay describing what they have learned in their studies to date, what they envision for their post-academic career and how SAME can play a role in fulfilling those career goals. This essay should demonstrate their knowledge of SAME and how they may be a part of SAME’s mission.

If you have additional questions on the Doug Plack Memorial Scholarship, please contact Natasha at 402.290.8457 or natasha.hartley@woolpert.com.

stay connected

To stay up-to-date on current events, view or join discussions by members or meet SAME Omaha Post members, visit www.linkedin.com.
SAME - U.S. Marine Corps Engineering and Construction Camp

The Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) U.S. Marine Corps (USMC) Engineering & Construction Camp is seeking volunteers to staff, manage and conduct the Camp, located at Marine Corps Base (MCB) Camp Lejeune (Jacksonville, NC). Camp dates for personnel and volunteers are set as 21–28 June 2014.

Background:
At SAME Engineering and Construction Camps, high school students from across the country and around the world learn engineering solutions and skills from professional engineers and constructors while getting a taste of what it means to work for and with the military services. Only at SAME Camp can you design a chair with three legs and sit on it, construct a concrete beam and smash it, or build a cardboard boat and race it! These exciting week-long camps take place during the summer months in a variety of settings: the colorful Colorado Rockies, the beautiful Southern California Coast, the historic Mississippi Valley, and the pristine coast of southeastern North Carolina. SAME and USMC have entered into a collaborative effort to host an Engineering and Construction Camp at Camp Lejeune for high school students who excel in math, science and technical courses and are interested in pursuing a college engineering education. The second annual SAME USMC and Construction Camp will be held from 22-28 June 2014, at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, NC.

Mentors Needed:
The camp requires a total of eight mentors who will work with high school-aged boys and girls in their day-to-day activities. The mentor position is a full-time volunteer position with the Camp, and will require attendance from mid-day Saturday the 23rd through end-day Saturday the 28th. Once at Camp Lejeune, the mentor will berth in a specially designated BEQ for the Camp, and all meals will be provided. The Camp Directors have already established a rigorous daily routine for the campers; the mentor’s job will be to assist the 10 campers in their “squad” with getting to-and-from activities, as well as assisting in the execution of the activities, and providing information and perspective on future careers related to “military engineering and construction”. Each squad of 10 campers will have one squad leader (an active duty military person engaged in military engineering) and two mentors (typically civilian or civilian contractor personnel). Mentors must be comfortable working with young people, and preferably have a background in military engineering and/or construction via military service, civilian workforce, or civilian contractor experience. Mentors must successfully pass a criminal background check. To apply as a mentor, please visit http://samecamps.org, download and complete the Mentor Application, and email it to will.breeden@urs.com.

Additional Camp volunteers are needed on a part-time to full-time basis, to include:
- Airport Drivers
- Town Shopper/Runner
- Communications/Dispatcher
- Storekeeper/Gatekeeper
- Medic Standby (non-emergency)
- Berthing Coordinator
- Meal Coordinator
- Safety Lead
- In-processing Leader
- Out-processing Leader
- Daily Photographer
- Activity/Curricula Assistance
- Lunchtime speakers
- Event Leaders

Candidates for the additional volunteer positions should contact Will Breeden at will.breeden@urs.com, and be sure to include name, phone, email, desired position(s) and available date(s).


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Air Force High School Scholarship Applications
Open June 1st
These scholarships primarily go to Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math students at State schools like the Peter Kiewit Institute. There is no limit to the number of PKI students that may receive these scholarships, and the Air Force even allows the detachment commanders to select one student for a 4/5 year STEM scholarship.

These scholarships are only available at Universities that have Air Force ROTC; Peter Kiewit Institute students would attend UNO’s Air Force ROTC program. We have current students that use their ROTC scholarship to pay for their tuition, and then use their Nebraska scholarship to cover room and board. UNO also offers Army ROTC, and they also have a range of scholarships available for engineers and scientists. MAJ Sutton is the Battalion Commander and can be reached at: JaredSutton@creighton.edu.
Stanley Consultants Promotes Michelle French

Michelle French, C.I.H., a project principal at Stanley Consultants, has been promoted to Federal Practice Leader. In this role, she will lead all programs relative to the domestic Federal market. She is tasked with identifying and implementing strategies for growing the domestic Federal business, as well as driving sales for achieving target goals.

Stanley Consultants, a consulting engineering firm, provides program management, planning, engineering, environmental, and construction services worldwide. The firm has provided services to Federal agencies for nearly 80 years.

French comes highly qualified to the Federal Practice Leader position with over 20 years of experience, spending the past four years as a project principal, selling professional engineering services to domestic Federal clients in the central and western U.S. She works regularly with the Department of Energy, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Air Force, serving as a client service representative to multiple Federal clients and leading strategic planning and development initiatives.

“Stanley Consultants has been serving the Federal government for decades and we know it’s important to our Federal clients to have someone who knows the business and understands the challenges that it presents,” said Gayle Roberts, Stanley Consultants’ President and CEO. “Michelle is that person. She understands the market and has tremendous insight into the needs of our Federal clients.

French holds a bachelor of science in physics and mathematics from the Centre College of Kentucky, a master’s degree in health physics from the Georgia Institute of Technology, and a master’s degree in industrial hygiene from Central Missouri State University. She is a certified industrial hygienist, a member of the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), and a sustaining member of the Society for American Military Engineers.

HDR Awarded Fifth Consecutive USACE Kansas City District Civil Works IDIQ Contract

HDR has successfully completed negotiations on a new $9.5 million, 5-year indefinite delivery indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contract with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District. This fifth-consecutive IDIQ is primarily for civil works projects including preparation of civil works project justification reports, water resources and related planning studies, engineering design of plans and specifications for construction, documents associated with engineering during construction, alternative delivery, environmental compliance, value engineering, and independent technical review. The contract may also be accessed for military facilities design or hazardous, toxic and radioactive waste (HTRW) work.

HDR’s team includes a mix of small business partners. Exclusive teaming agreements were locked in over a year prior to the solicitation release. The over 200-page proposal was carefully developed to fully respond to each solicitation item, while demonstrating HDR’s broad capabilities and highlighting our team’s past performance metrics.

“This is a significant step forward in continuing our relationship with the USACE Kansas City District and expanding our Federal portfolio,” said John Denlinger, contract manager and civil works client manager for the KC District. “This contract has been the foundation of our Water Resources and Environmental Sciences practice, and this award is a direct result of many people in the Water Business Group and Federal Program being dedicated to superior client service on each and every assignment. This IDIQ positions HDR for continued growth in the highly competitive federal marketplace.”
URS Awarded Environmental Remediation Contracts for Utah and Kansas Military Facilities

The US Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District has awarded two separate contracts to URS Corporation for environmental remediation work at military facilities in Utah and Kansas.

At McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, Kansas, URS will investigate, design, and execute environmental remedial actions using a variety of innovative, in-situ remediation technologies to treat chlorinated and petroleum-related contaminants. At the Utah Test and Training Range and Hill AFB in Utah, URS will be providing a full range of environmental remediation activities including munitions response cleanup at active and former military ranges.

“URS has partnered with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, for more than 25 years, providing services to help reduce long-term environmental liabilities and life-cycle costs at Department of Defense installations nationwide,” noted Steve Cox, URS’s Omaha Office Manager.

Lamp Rynearson & Associates Acquires TZA Water Engineers

Lamp Rynearson has acquired TZA Water Engineers (TZA) of Lakewood, Colorado; a firm which has served the engineering needs of water users throughout Colorado and the Midwest for almost 40 years. Specializing in the development, protection, and management of water resources, TZA has technical specialists who deal daily with key issues and regulations affecting water supplies, and the special needs of water supply providers.

The acquisition of TZA by Lamp Rynearson will allow both firms to expand the depth of engineering services offered to clients. Founded in 1959, Lamp Rynearson is a civil engineering, surveying, and planning firm with over 130 employees and offices in Omaha, Kansas City, and Fort Collins. Advantages of the merger include the enhancement of Lamp Rynearson’s water resources expertise while providing a solid ownership transition for TZA that will benefit clients and employees.

Mike McMeekin, president of Lamp Rynearson, said, “TZA is well respected throughout Colorado and the Midwest. In addition to enhancing Lamp Rynearson’s water resources expertise, our firm is expanding its presence in a key market.” Under the new corporate structure, Bruce Kroeker, TZA President, will lead Lamp Rynearson’s operations in Lakewood. “We liked working with the people at Lamp Rynearson right from the start. We share important values: commitment to our clients, honesty, strong technical expertise, and delivering what we say we will do,” said Kroeker. The TZA name, staff and office location will remain the same.

job opportunities

SAME Sustaining Members are welcome to submit job opportunity advertisements for inclusion in the SAME Omaha Post quarterly newsletter. We require that your advertisement not exceed business card size and that you submit it in the form of an image (jpg, tif, etc.) or pdf. Please e-mail your advertisement to gina.raven@hdrinc.com.