



# Dakota News

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## Holiday Wishes and Thanks — Wenbin Yuan, CEO



### Happy Holidays!

It is a pleasure to bring you Season's Greetings from all of us at Dakota Intertek. While 2002 had its ups and downs for us ... and for just about everybody else, it seems ... we certainly are pleased with our overall progress.

As the end of this year near, I am pleased to announce an

important addition to our management team — Bob Hough, our new Vice President of Government Services. More information about Bob is below.

As we approach the new year and its challenges, we have set our sights on introducing Dakota Intertek to many new markets both here and throughout the nation.

We are strengthening our diversified services and moving towards larger

cleanups and federal services. At the same time, we continually promise to maintain our high quality standard of service offered to our smaller, local clientele.

So now in the spirit of this wonderful season, I urge everyone reading these words to take a moment and ponder where we've been, where we are, and where we want to be in 2003 and beyond.

**“We Wish Everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!”**



### Closings & Openings

As a reminder, Dakota Intertek will be closed on Christmas, but will remain open the rest of the week.

## Broadening Our Horizons — Meet Bob Hough

**“Our goal over the next five years is to build and sustain an annual 40% increase in sales and to prepare Dakota for exiting the 8(a) system.”**



*Bob Hough, VP Government Services*

We are pleased to announce the addition of our new Vice President of Government Services, Mr. Robert Hough, to our management team.

Bob brings more than 25 years of invaluable Federal and commercial construction and facility-maintenance experience to us.

He has been responsible for

the management of projects in excess of \$100 million and 1,000 Personnel, involving both American and foreign-national work forces.

His management of federal facilities includes those under the authority of the GSA, EPA, USAF, NASA, NSF, USAFNG, USN, USCG, and NIOSH.

Bob's fields of specialization include hospital construction and maintenance, multi and single-family housing maintenance, government facilities, manufacturing plant operation and maintenance and heavy construction.

Welcome to Dakota!

## Dakota Intertek Corp. in the News

In a recent issue of SOLUTIONS, published by Rain For Rent of Bakersfield, CA, one of our projects was featured. It involved an environmentally safe water filtration system and carbon absorption system to treat TCE contaminated H2O during a dewatering project at East Troy, WI.

Dakota is proud to announce that we have just been awarded an IDIQ 8(a) set-aside BOA contract with the Navy for up to \$25 million.

We have also been awarded the contracts for an environmental remediation job in the City of Racine, WI, and a demolition and remediation job of the Old Charcoal Iron Facility in Newberry, MI.

## Current Projects

### GPR for USDA

Dakota was pleased to respond to a recent U.S. Forestry Service request for services. We conducted a site investigation, engineering studies, and a ground-penetrating radar study to identify and delineate buried hazardous chemicals and radioactive wastes at an Ohio USDA Laboratory.

### HUD SPI Update

Our HUD Special Properties Inspections contract continues to be a rousing success! Every month we facilitate and execute property inspections on HUD-owned residences in a six-state area. The inspections must be completed during a rigid ten-day timeline. During

2002, we inspected nearly 1,000 homes, not once missing a deadline.

### Moss-Americans Soils at the Deep Tunnel

Dakota is providing assessment, classification, and disposal services to Shea/Kenny Joint Venture for impacted deep tunnel soils. Identified listed hazardous wastes are presumed to originate from the Moss-American Site, immediately upstream. Dakota worked with the WDNR to “delist” certain contaminants under site-specific concentrations, using the “contained in” interpretation. Through Dakota, Shea/Kenny was able to pass along a great cost-

savings to the MMSD.

### Lincoln Creek Reach 3 Emergency Response

Emergency response actions are almost complete at Reach 3 of Lincoln Creek. We provided MMSD contractor James Cape & Sons timely remedial activities when free-phase product began “bubbling” through the de-watered creek floor near an abandoned former metal works and tannery. Dakota directed same-day creek floor stabilization and free-product removal. We were also pleased to negotiate and implement a site-specific “low-level” exemption with the WDNR, allowing the majority of impacted soils to be disposed of at enormous cost-savings.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Paul Herbert, Dakota’s Vice President of Environmental Services, on being accepted as a full associate member into the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers and into the Society of American Military Engineers.

## Get Well Soon

Our warmest get well soon wishes extend to employee Tony Olson, one of our valuable operators, who is currently recovering from neck surgery. Tony will be away from the office healing for the next month.



Newly Installed Regeneration Tanks at the Middleton VA Hospital

**“We are very pleased with Dakota’s work”**

**-Dennis Ladick,  
Construction Chief Engineering Service, Middleton VA Hosp.**

## Another Success Story – Water Softener Replacement at Wisconsin VA Hospital

The facilities division of the Middleton VA Hospital in Madison, WI, is responsible for providing various support services necessary to serve thousands of patients annually.

One of these important services is soft water that is used to bathe patients and to launder scrubs, bedding, and linens used at the hospital.

It became apparent that the water softening system in place was inadequate for the hospital’s growing demands.

This is where Dakota entered the picture. The project involved the removal of the old system, replacement with a new upgraded system, and the repair and epoxy-painting of the existing brine tanks that would serve the new system.

Minimizing the time without soft water was the #1 goal, for obvious reasons. Dakota Intertek Corp. partnered with local contractors and equipment suppliers to provide a quality system to the hospital—

shortening the down time on the front end by a week, which allowed the hospital to notify all departments that would be affected. We were then able to shut down, remove, and install the system two days ahead of schedule.

Kudos to Project Manager Greg Winters and his team comprised of: Bob Leszczynski, Ron Oppor, Paul Bocek, Kevin Salm, Jerry Garski, CJ Ruhl, and Tony Olson for doing an outstanding job!

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