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Dakota News

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CEO's Report- Wenbin Yuan

Year 2006 came to a successful end with Dakota being recognized as one of the "Top Small Businesses in Wisconsin" by DiversityBusiness.com.

Dakota is also proud to be a U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Contract holder certified under Schedule 899-Environmental Services. Specifically, Dakota is certified for codes 899-4 (Waste Management Services), 899-7 (GIS Services) and 899-8 (Remediation Services). Please check out our catalog at: www.gsaadvantage.gov

There are many high points to associate with 2006. Throughout the year Dakota worked hard to deliver more diversified services across new frontiers. We have worked hard to

complete jobs for many federal and municipal entities. Here are just some examples that show our diversification:

Architect Engineering (AE)

Dakota recently won a Veterans Administration (VA) Milwaukee architect and engineering project bid to provide services for the next three years.

Landfill Closure & Fish Habitat

Dakota received praise from the WDNR for jobs well done at the Ft. McCoy landfill, where Dakota completed a landfill closure, and at the Milwaukee River Downtown, where Dakota effectively installed a fish habitat.

Site Development

Dakota recently performed a \$600,000 site development project that included contaminated soil removal and the installation



The Mayor of Milwaukee, Mr. Tom Barrett, Congratulating Dakota on the Completion of the Rain Garden at Josey Heights

of an innovative rain garden to insure that rain will penetrate all the way into the groundwater without runoff into the City of Milwaukee.

Again, Dakota is proud of its expanded efforts to handle what I refer to as "4D Projects;" those that are: Different, Difficult and Deadline Driven. As always, we take on all challenges, large or small!

MMSD "Green Seams" Program

Dakota assisted with insuring that more than 1,000 acres of land will forever remain natural areas to improve flood management and water quality protection under the MMSD's "Green Seams" land-conservation program.

Dakota is a team member in the program which is a sustainable development tool that uses Mother Nature to protect downstream neighbors, water, and wildlife.

Dakota participated in the Phase I environmental assessment on each property identified for purchase to help drain rainwater into the ground. Dakota will continue to do work with The Conservation Fund, MMSD's program partner.

Bayshore Mall Vapor Control Project



Installation of Vapor Control System Membrane Layer Bayshore Mall, Glendale, WI

Dakota was proud to participate on the long but fruitful Bayshore Mall Renovation Project. Dakota's portion of the project consisted of the installation of a vapor control system.

Dakota kept a crew on site for most of the year, and worked many week-end hours to keep up with the multiple contractors on site. The Dakota Team placed piping, gravel, sand, and a membrane layer on each of the store floors.

Dakota was honored to have our work praised by Bayshore Mall's Construction Manager, Mr. Tim VanDyhoven (VP of Hunzinger Construction.) He was pleased that Dakota was able to keep up its progress when working with a tight time frame and some of the most stringent working conditions he has ever seen.

Project Manager, Mr. Todd Ormiston, managed all aspects of the project, and worked closely with all Hunzinger project managers and personnel.

Dakota's "five star general," superintendent Mr. Mike Boisvert, was on-site for over 11 months to manage the tough day-to-day operations and ensure that the job was done right and completely air-tight!

VA Hospital Iowa City MRI & Imaging Projects



Installed MRI Unit, VA Iowa City, IA

Dakota recently finished two projects for the Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital located in Iowa City, Iowa.

The first project entailed the renovation of existing rooms, along with the installation of two nuclear cameras, a digital fluoroscopy and a CT scanning unit.

The second project was to install a new MRI suite as an addition to the hospital. The VA Iowa City had been using a rental MRI unit that was costing them close to \$100,000 a month. Dakota designed the site for the new unit to be installed, and finished the building within 150 days from design to finish, saving the VA Iowa City from high rental costs.

Over the past 3 years Dakota has completed a total of 6 medical equipment design and installation projects, and we look forward to the next!

New Employees

Dakota is always on the lookout for new talent to further expand our diversified services. Dakota is proud to introduce our new employees:

Mr. Terry McGovern, VP/ Health & Safety Manager-

Formerly the VP of Briohn Environmental, Terry has come to Dakota to head its field operations. Terry holds more than 22 years of environmental construction and asbestos experience. He is one of the few that holds both a certified asbestos designer and an asbestos inspector license.

Before Dakota, Terry actively participated in the Environmental/OSHA Compliant Oversight for the demolition

of the Port Washington Power Plant during 2005 and 2006.

Terry has already delivered some challenging projects for Dakota, including a Fish Habitat Construction Project in the downtown Milwaukee River.

When not in the office, Terry enjoys horse back riding and boating. He is also a devoted basketball player and hobby farmer.

Ms. Nicole Robbins, J.D., Associate Corporate Counsel- A

proud graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School, Nicole will be handling Dakota's contract management duties and will be assisting in managing some of our federal projects.

Specializing in civil litigation,

employment law, and business law, she will be an asset to our human resources department.

In her spare time, Nicole enjoys traveling, outdoor activities, and spending time with family and friends.

Mr. Heath Erdman, Foreman/ Project Manager-

Heath is the Foreman/Project Manager for Dakota's field operations team, and brings with him over 15 years of environmental and general contracting experience.

Heath is an avid game hunter and "survivalist." He also enjoys snowmobiling in Upper Michigan.

Mark Mobley, P.E., Project Manager-

Mark makes the tough daily commute from Sheboygan each day to grace Dakota with

his engineering prowess. Mark used to work with Earth Tech, and currently leads Dakota's efforts in procuring and managing medical equipment facility AE and construction projects.

Mark is a proud father of three, and enjoys playing the guitar and spending time with his wife, Cheryl, and their three kids.

Mr. Rodney Calo, Operator-

Rodney is a wiz at handling or fixing anything mechanical. We are glad to have him on the team.

Mr. Jordan Volbrecht, Laborer-

Jordan hails from Twin Lakes and has proven to be a very dependable and hardworking individual. We congratulate Jordan and his family on the birth of their baby son.



USDA Morgantown Sewage Pump Replacement Morgantown, WV

Dakota's Eastern Division, headed by Mr. Paul Herbert, is generating a lot of government contracting excitement. Although we miss having Paul

USDA Forest Service Projects

and his family here with us in Wisconsin, we are proud of his accomplishments in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, New Jersey, and Missouri! The following are just a few of the projects he has been facilitating for the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service (USDA FS).

Morgantown, West Virginia

At the Morgantown site, Dakota performed asphalt paving, parking lot sealing and striping, and interior painting.

Last August, the sanitary system pumps failed and the USDA FS

was having troubles locating a contractor to rectify the emergency situation. Dakota stepped up and was able to complete the job of installing a new pump system.

The work wasn't easy, as it was complicated by the physical constraints of confined space. The USDA FS was very happy that Dakota was able to complete the project successfully in a short time frame.

Salem, Missouri

In Salem, Dakota is renovating a warehouse and is converting it into office space. The crew is

performing all of the drywall work, lighting set up, and bathroom installation. On the exterior, Dakota is installing new siding and new garage doors.

Delaware, Ohio

Dakota is currently renovating a 60,000 sq. ft. federal building in Delaware. Dakota has already replaced 212 windows and has completely sided the entire building. A new roof will be on the east wing by March.

Thanks to Paul, we look forward to a bright future of working with the USDA FS!