



# Dakota News

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## CEO's Report- Wenbin Yuan

Dakota Intertek Corp. (Dakota) is proud to announce our recent graduation from the Small Business Administration's 8(a) program. Year 2008 heralds Dakota's 14th year of delivering successful construction projects to a large range of government, private, industrial, and commercial clientele.

We are grateful to the 8(a) program for all that it has brought to us, including multiple long term 8(a) IDIO contracts for the U.S. Navy, U.S. General Services Administration, U.S. Veterans Administration, U.S. Army, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Dakota's main services still include, but are not limited to:

*General Contracting, UST and AST Removal, Soil Remediation, Methane Liner Installation, Government Owned/Controlled Landfill Site Services, Sheet Piling, Earthwork, Pavement Removal and Replacement, and Sewer and Water Line Repairs.* We also offer our clients a myriad of value-added environmental services to enhance their project needs.

Dakota continues to expand into other areas by hiring people with varied professional backgrounds. We have recently formed a masonry division with a crew of four skilled masons specializing in restoration and renovation. We are also working with Kepa Services Inc. on their federal government Service Disabled Veteran Owned (SDVO) projects.

## Connecting Milwaukee to China



"Yi" (Jianlian Yi), Wenbin Yuan, and Yi's Father, Jingliu Yi

Wenbin is always working on connecting Milwaukee to China, and he has succeeded in doing so by writing a new book, running the "Yi Fan Club," and through organizing another trade mission to China.

David Holmes of Symbiont Corp., and Wenbin Yuan recently wrote a book entitled, Chinese Milwaukee, that tells the story of the historical development of the Chinese people living in Milwaukee from around

1870 through today. The book will be published and available at all major bookstores after September 9th, 2008. A must read!

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Wenbin is actively running the "Yi Fan Club" on behalf of the Milwaukee Bucks's power forward, Jianlian Yi. Although Yi will be moving on to a larger market, the Milwaukee Bucks are now well known in China.

Wenbin is also planning a trip in September to journey to Taiyuan for the Coal Technology World Exhibition and to Lhasa for the Vagabond Ski Club. Wenbin is still soliciting adventurers to accompany him, so please contact him if you are interested!

## Milwaukee VA Updates

Dakota just won another contract for Architecture and Engineering (A/E) services at the Clement J. Zablocki Medical Center, Department of Veterans Affairs, in Milwaukee. This is the third A/E contract at this same facility in a little over one year.

The last of the task order projects went to bid earlier this month to wrap up the A/E design phase of Contract #2. Those projects included electrical renovations (Switchboards, Main Bussway and W-panel replacements) and plans for a new East Main Entrance and new Emergency Room CT with scanning capabilities. There will still be tasks to perform under the construction phase of these projects as they get along in their development. Contract #3 is still open and untouched for new A/E design work at the Milwaukee VA Center.

## Navy EMAC Updates

At this point, Dakota is midway through our \$30 million Navy joint venture with TN & Associates. The project has kept us on our toes, providing a wide variety of interesting projects.

Dakota just finished a large gabion stream bank stabilization project in Illinois, and the painting of a Navy Sky Hawk Fighter Jet in Indiana. We have dredged Lake Michigan, gutted and remodeled a Michigan Marine Reserve base, cleaned an outdoor firing range at Crane, IN, and an indoor firing range at St. Paul, MN. We cleaned and decommissioned oil and diesel storage tanks within mockups of a cruiser and a destroyer. Under the EMAC, we have demolished facilities throughout the Midwest, including the former ELF Radar Facility in Clam Lake, WI. We look forward to the second half of this exciting and varied contract!

## Ft. McCoy Army Housing

Judy Fassbender is the Project Manager for this fast moving and challenging design-build military housing project for the U.S. Army Corp. of Engineers (ACOE) up at Ft. McCoy, Wisconsin.



Footing Installation  
Ft. McCoy, WI

The design for twelve housing units, utilities and infrastructure, roadways, tot lot, and storm water management has been completed and approved by the ACOE. Site work began in November, 2007, and is ongoing with housing construction slated to be completed mid-August 2008. The demolition of the previously existing structures will be completed mid-November 2008. The cold and snowy winter has been a challenge for concrete placement and related house construction. However, despite the subzero temperatures, extreme wind chill factors, and many feet of snow followed by a cold and rainy Spring, all of the houses have been erected. Interior and exterior finishes are currently underway.

## Recent Awards and Recently Completed Projects

**GSA ID/IO in IL and IN-** Dakota recently won a multi-million Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (ID/IO) contract with the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) for repair and space alterations and construction for locations in Illinois and Indiana. Work is anticipated to begin this month.

**M&I Bank Industrial Waste Removal-** Dakota was recently privileged to assist a long-term partner, M&I Bank, in removing industrial wastes from an abandoned property. Twenty-three 250-gallon storage tanks, and twenty-four barrels of unknown waste were left at the



**Stacking of 250 Gallon Storage Tanks Germantown, WI**

former PSG facility in Germantown. Dakota performed site assessment, waste characterization sampling, and properly removed, transported, and disposed of the oily wastes. Dakota was pleased to provide liaison activities with the Germantown Fire Department and City Council, to assuage any misgivings the abandoned wastes instigated.

**Vapor Barriers and Liners-** Dakota has become the premier vapor barrier and liner installer in the area. Dakota recently completed methane vapor barrier liner, and venting system installation for numerous projects, including Bayshore Mall and the Harley Davidson Museum.

**Washington County Bike Trail-** Dakota just finished a bike trail construction job for the Washington County Purchasing Division. Walkway construction included: walkway excavation, placement of 4 inches of crushed gravel, and grading and paving with 2 inches of asphalt for each section. Dakota also performed parking lot maintenance and site landscaping.

Construction Manager Todd Ormiston was praised by Washington County for a job well done. To further the good news, Dakota has just won the second phase of the job, entailing gravel resurfacing.

**Private Client Landfill Exemption-** Dakota was recently privileged to help a developer friend of ours. Dakota worked with the WDNR to obtain no further action for a historic construction landfill. Dakota negotiated an exemption to build, and obtained a fill permit. Dakota was able to confirm WDNR closure in a month, including investigation. From start to finish, we were able to bring the property to the development stage in less than three months. A large, abandoned landfill will now be filled and the property will be developed.

**FEMA Assistance-** Dakota is currently working with the local government to evaluate flood related damages designated for FEMA assistance.

## MMSD Watercourse Inspection



**Example of Liner Cracking at Various Channels, Milwaukee, WI**

Last summer, Dakota employees physically inspected every foot of nearly 150 miles of Milwaukee County watersheds under the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District's (MMSD) and U.S. Army Corps's jurisdiction. Under a MMSD Contract, Dakota identified problems and potential problems in the Milwaukee, the Menomonee, the Oak Creek, the Kinnickinnic, and the Root River watersheds, along with the Lake Michigan drainage system.

Dakota personnel documented a variety of problems such as broken concrete channel or pipe, debris, graffiti, natural damming, etc. All problems were digitally

photographed and mapped, with GPS coordinates collected for inclusion in the MMSD GIS database (an earlier Dakota project).

Individual rivers, creeks, ditches, streams, etc., were videotaped in their entirety. Results were compared to those collected by Dakota in 1998, during a similar study.

The project was an interesting and eventful undertaking. We won't say Dakota personnel are all wet, but last summer our feet were!

## New Employee

Dakota is pleased to introduce **Mr. Rick Trojan, Project Manager**, to the Dakota team. Rick has thirty years of construction experience, specializing in all aspects of industrial, commercial, and general contracting.

At Dakota, Rick is in charge of all aspects of Dakota's A/E projects with the VA Hospitals. He is also working alongside Mindy Gritter to manage Dakota's Health and Safety program.

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