



Dakota News

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Broadening Our Horizons—Wenbin Yuan, CEO

2004 heralds Dakota Intertek Corp.'s 10th year in the Environmental Contracting and Technical Service fields. Since its inception, Dakota has grown steadily by 20-30% each year. We have effectively proven ourselves to be a prominent construction force in the Midwest.

In the past, Dakota has been able to rely on steady growth with a continued customer referral base. Now Dakota wishes to grow by looking for work beyond the Midwest. This means opening up new branch offices and expanding our scope of services. Dakota will also

continue to bid challenging long-term projects.

The international travels of Construction Manager **Bob Leszczynski** to London, England, and CEO **Wenbin Yuan** to Beijing, China, is a sign of our effort to reach toward our larger vision.

“Looking for Work Beyond the Midwest”

We are proud to announce that new Dakota branch offices have been opened in Wisconsin, Illinois, Florida,

Ohio, and Virginia.

Dakota has also added many new services to its repertoire. Our Geographical Information Systems (GIS) department has grown exponentially. Now an even greater focus has been placed on obtaining facility operation and maintenance jobs. We have also delved into the medical field by installing special equipment and conducting remodeling jobs for hospitals.

Even though Dakota is expanding, we will still maintain our tradition of keeping in touch with our old friends. Building and maintaining



CEO Wenbin Yuan and VP Paul Herbert

trust is still a core value in our mission statement. Our same high quality of service will continue to be offered. We will be sure to keep you informed of further updates.

Celebrating Ten Years of Excellent Service



Dakota Intertek Corp. Staff Photo

Thank you to every one who joined us in celebrating Dakota's 10th Year Anniversary at our annual Holiday Party held on January 10th, 2004, at the Country Inn and Suites of Brookfield, WI.

The evening was led by **Wenbin Yuan**, CEO, and **Mindy Grittner**, Marketing. We had an outstanding turnout and a good time was had by all. Dakota would be nothing without its talented staff



“Celebration and Camaraderie”

and exceptional client base. We are truly blessed. Thank you all for a wonderful 2003, and we look forward to a prosperous 2004. Be sure to join us for next year's party!



**“Your Emcees for the Evening”
Wenbin Yuan and Mindy Grittner**

Recent Projects

USDA Madison Boiler Building Demolition—Dakota recently finished a demolition job for the *USDA Forestry Service*. Work included the removal of hazardous (asbestos) and special waste, the demolishing of three boilers, and the removal of one 30,000 gallon underground storage tank.

Newberry, MI Demolition & Remediation—Dakota finished a demolition and remediation job of the 50 acre *Old Charcoal Facility* located in Newberry, Michigan. The job was completed on time and on budget.

USDA Ohio Radioactive Waste Removal—Led by Project Manager **Paul Herbert**, Dakota performed services involving the identification, assessment, removal, and disposal of buried hazardous and low-level radioactive laboratory wastes at the *USDA Forestry Service Laboratory*, in Delaware, OH. Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR), subsurface investigation, historic record searches, and personnel interviews delineated the vertical and horizontal extents of the waste.

New Employees

Dakota Intertek Corp. would like to welcome the following additions to the Dakota Team:

Mr. Pat Kaufman, Project Foreman & Manager– Mr. Kaufman has over twenty years of expertise in asbestos removal, demolition, and electrical work.

Ms. Charlotte Haase, Project Manager/Admin. Assistant– Ms. Haase has nine years of experience with industrial historical research, environmental assessments, and general environmental compliance. She also works on subsurface investigation projects. Specialty skills

include technical writing and review. Ms. Haase is an active Federation of Environmental Technologists (FET) volunteer.

Mr. Tom Pedersen, Technical Services Manager– Mr. Pedersen has over fifteen years of experience in the environmental field. Some of Tom’s specialties include conducting subsurface investigations within overburden and bedrock aquifers, and petroleum chlorinated solvent cleanups.

Ms. Sara Ariss, GIS Project Manager– Ms. Ariss recently graduated from St. Mary’s University with a MA in Re-

source Analysis. Her specialties include GIS and environmental monitoring and sampling.

Mr. Paul Grittner, Geologist– Mr. Grittner has over three years of experience with technical field services including soil classification, monitoring well installations, natural attenuation monitoring, compliance sampling, and data reduction analysis.

Mr. Dali Tang, Software Engineer/GIS Specialist – Mr. Tang has over ten years of GIS experience. His specialties include: software development, technique consulting, geodatabase design, and project management.

Mr. Tom Bethke, Foreman, Project Manager– Mr. Bethke has fifteen years of experience with on-site environmental construction and remediation projects.

Ms. Sandy Lentz, Sr. GIS Specialist– Ms. Lentz has over ten years of experience working in the GIS field. Her specialties include working with Micro Station, CAD, and GIS platforms.

Mr. Bobby Hough, Foreman– Mr. Hough has over four years of Marine Corps. construction experience. Bobby was the foreman who supervised our challenging lighthouse renovation project.



Lighthouse Renovation
Manitowoc, WI

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-Lt. John Berry

Featured Project– USCG Lighthouse Renovations

USCG Lighthouse Renovations– Dakota recently finished two lighthouse renovation jobs for the US Coast Guard, Central Engineering Unit (CEU) Cleveland.

For the site in Green Bay, WI, Dakota demolished the existing ladder and handrail system, fabricated and installed a 3/8 inch ice barrier, and erected a new steel ladder and handrail system. Dakota also abated the lead paint present and repainted with epoxy paint.

In Manitowoc, WI, Dakota conducted a partial demolition of the existing concrete structure, installed a reinforcing bar, and supported and replaced concrete.

Dakota finished the projects two months ahead of schedule and was right on budget. Coast Guard Lt. John Barry commented to Dakota Project Manager **Bob Hough** that the Coast Guard had, “received a great value for their money.”

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Wenbin Yuan, CEO**, on his recent publication. Wenbin’s article, “From Concept to Reality: Comparison of China and US’s Environmental Protection History and Current Status” has been published in the book series, Frontiers of Science and Technology, by Tsinghua University Press. We hope that his harsh criticism of China’s current environmental record will not gain him the status of a dissident!