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**DAKOTA INTERTEK CORP.**

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#### Safety Counts:

- On average, "13 people are fatally injured each day on the job"
- Most workplace fatalities occur with males between 45-54 years old.
- Safety needs to be a way of life, not a slogan.
- Over 200 deaths each year could be prevented by compliance with OSHA- required Lockout /Tagout procedures.
- Lockout/Tagout accidents are the number one cause of OSHA citations.
- Dakota and UPC have a teaming arrangement, effectively combining WDNR landfill certified managers and operators, and expanding our landfill construction and maintenance experience.
- Ask Kepa about Lockout and tagout: [Mpolster@Kepasi.com](mailto:Mpolster@Kepasi.com)

DOT and Supplier Council Certified DBE and MBE. To contact Editor of this issue: [WYuan@Dakotaic.com](mailto:WYuan@Dakotaic.com). Over \$100m services successfully provided since 1994

### Dakota Intertek Corp. Is nearing Its 19<sup>th</sup> Year of Construction Services

Dakota started as an environmental contracting firm in 1994. Through the past nearly 19 years, Dakota has evolved into a general contractor for governmental building design-build, renovations and facility engineering and self performer for site work and tenant improvement types of work for local general contractors. However, Dakota still has its core competency in environmental contracting. Dakota is featured by the Daily Reporter and Western builder several times for its rain garden

construction of the Milwaukee county zoo, its participation of constructing Zoo entrance solar panels and its participation of former Tower Automotive site remediation work to transform the formal industrial site into a new commercial site, called Century City site.

Dakota believes its mission of serving our long term partners: general contractors, environmental consulting firms and governmental entities.

Dakota has its courage for doing difficult jobs with its experienced crew led by

the 30 year veterans Tom Marach and Bob Borkenhagen who combined served the environmental industry for over half a century!

The sequestration will be resolved and the stocks are high already, so confidence will be back to US again. We just need to be lean and mean while waiting the construction boom to come.

Dakota welcomes all of its old friends and former customers to participate in 19<sup>th</sup> year celebration on 8-1-2013!

### OSHA Lockout/Tagout

Through numerous conversations with facility managers, inspectors, and consultants we have identified basic areas that the Joint Commission and OSHA focus on when it comes to Lockout/Tagout.

Most often, they look for machine-specific procedures. Out of all of the penalties OSHA issued last year (approximately 12,700), Lockout/Tagout ranks No. 1 (nearly 1,000) ([http://www.osha.gov/pls/imis/citedstandard.sic?p\\_sic=D&p\\_esize=&p\\_state=FEFederal](http://www.osha.gov/pls/imis/citedstandard.sic?p_sic=D&p_esize=&p_state=FEFederal)).

### New Team Formed for Dakota and UPC

After many years of working together moving earth, Dakota and Underground Power Corp. (UPC) have formed a much closer teaming arrangement, allowing: Dakota-UPC to work as partners for not only earth work, remediation, and demolition, but also to expand our landfill construction and maintenance experience. Between Dakota and UPC, our team has four **WDNR certified landfill managers, and operators** including former Veolia regional

emergency Manager Bob Borkenhagen, and the site manager Tom Marach.

Both UPC and Dakota have worked at landfills since their inception, and they are pleased to now offer expanded services.



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### With the Economy Slowing, Workplace Violence is Becoming a Greater Problem

As we have seen in recent weeks, violence can happen anywhere and at any time.

The Bureau of Labor and Statistics (2012) records 270 workplace suicides, and 518 workplace homicides in 2010.

The statistics show a shift from robbery-related

homicides to more cases caused by domestic and workplace dispute.

In 2010, the majority of workplace homicides were committed by close friends or relatives, primarily current or former spouses.

The Texas Department of Insurance has a 2

page fact sheet with some great information. Click: <http://www.tdi.texas.gov/pubs/videoresource/fswvpstrat.pdf>.

Meanwhile, "Economist" also reported the increase of suicidal rates in the US Army in the recent years. The economy may play a role in the recent trend.

### Dakota has Recently Gained and Lost Talented Employees

**Mike Magedanz**, a 30 year construction veteran with an MBA in construction management, has joined Dakota to enhance our construction capabilities. Mike has worked as a project superintendent for the **Pewaukee Marriott Hotel**, Pewaukee, WI – Hotel, 220,000sf, with \$28M Budget. Mike can assist you in design,

planning, cost analysis, and implementation of your real estate development needs. Mike is also an expert in interior build out, enhancing our local capabilities as well as our long term GSA and USDA contracts in Illinois and Wisconsin. Dakota is in the process of starting a federal courthouse renovation project in

Madison, joining our other courthouse projects in Rockford and Milwaukee.

**Todd Ormiston** has left us to pursue his other opportunities. **Helen Han**, M.S., just started with Dakota to support our accounting and project coordination. **Mike Johnson**, a 30 year construction veteran is working for Dakota, too.

### More news About Our Organization..

Dakota teamed with Kapa Services, Inc. to successfully complete a nearly \$5M Design/Build Joint Armed Forces (Army – Navy) Operational Support Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Dakota was recently awarded a long term IDIQ Job Order Contract with

the USDA - Forest Service Laboratories in Madison, Wisconsin. Dakota will provide new construction and renovation for the facility, as needed. Dakota's long history of successful Federal Contract delivery, and our great safety record contributed to the award.

Dakota has build a new **Field Operations Building**:



### Other News to start 2013 and cast the Winter Blues away

**Dakota won a long term USDA Forest Service facility renovation contract for \$10m in 2012 based on our long term good standing with the federal building renovation work in the past many years.**

2013 begins Dakota's 19<sup>th</sup> year of servicing Wisconsin, Midwestern, and nation-wide environmental and site work industry for its clients in environmental consulting and general construction industry this year.

Dakota has been listed as one of the top Wisconsin minority owned firms by Business Journal for ten consecutive years. Our mission is to build long term trust and working relation with our clients.

Dakota is featured again in the "Western Builder" for its significant involvement for the Century City project.