

Industry Focus

ADTEK Celebrates 25 Years

In 1987, Mahendra Shah and John I. Frankhouser III began **ADTEK Engineers, Inc.**, in a basement, and their first project was resurfacing an asphalt parking lot. In the past 25 years, the firm has completed hundreds of civil and structural engineering design projects, has three offices, and is licensed in 40 U.S. states. Notable projects completed over the years include the restoration of Ford's Theater in Washington, DC, and the Patriot Center at George Mason University, Fairfax, VA. The company held a celebration in October 2012 and received a certificate recognizing their 25 years of service to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

AISG Constructs Combat-Zone Health Clinic

Despite insurgent attacks and a diminishing U.S. presence, **AISG Construction** completed a permanent health clinic in Helmand, Afghanistan. After picking up from a failed contractor and working with an almost exclusively Afghan labor force, AISG built a 12-room reinforced concrete and brick structure that meets the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' standards. A major challenge posed by the project was its isolation, with supply lines extending hundreds of miles through hostile and undeveloped land. AISG is continuing projects in the area with the construction of a high school and four police stations.

BASF Opens Toronto Centre

BASF's Construction Chemicals division opened its new Construction Centre in Toronto, ON, Canada. The Construction Centre will offer on-site customer service and support, manufacturing and warehouse capabilities, and is centrally located to help BASF offer service to the entire Toronto area. A full line of products from their Construction Chemicals business will be available, as well as the full line of Wall Systems products. The Construction Chemicals business also manufactures a full line of admixtures at the nearby Brampton, ON, Canada, facility.

CH2M HILL Awarded Support Contract in Africa

A **CH2M HILL**-led joint venture was awarded a contract to provide design-build services to the U.S. Navy in Africa. The Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic and NAVFAC Europe Africa Southwest Asia awarded the \$62 million USD design-build task order for a 2 million ft² (185,000 m²) concrete combat aircraft landing area, maintenance hangars, a 730,000 ft² (68,000 m²) asphalt taxiway extension, and an ammunition supply point at Camp Lemmonier, Djibouti, the only U.S. military base in

Africa. **CH2M HILL** will team with Turkish construction company **METAG** on the project.

GKV Architects Wins Excellence Award

GKV Architects was recently named the Silver Winner in Multi-Housing News' Excellence Awards for TEN23, a luxury apartment building, in the Best New Development High-Rise category. Entries were judged using a number of criteria, including financial performance, customer service, resident satisfaction, and design excellence. TEN23, located on Manhattan (NY)'s High Line Park, comprises 111 apartments of varying size and showcases exposed concrete.

Top Grade Construction Acquired by Goodfellow Bros.

Top Grade Construction, Inc., and **Goodfellow Bros., Inc.**, entered an acquisition agreement in which Top Grade Construction will operate as a Goodfellow Bros. company, while daily operations will remain the same. The acquisition will allow Top Grade, based in Livermore, CA, to take advantage of Goodfellow Bros. resources, including staff, equipment, and a design-build support team. In exchange, Goodfellow Bros., with headquarters in Hawaii and Washington, will be able to gain access to the California construction market, in which Top Grade is already a respected company.

New Law Firm Focusing on Concrete Industry

Jeffrey W. Coleman, FACI, has launched **The Coleman Law Firm, LLC**, a professional services law firm providing legal representation to businesses engaged in architecture, engineering, and concrete construction. The firm is located in Minneapolis, MN. Assisting Coleman will be Gregory S. Schwartz as Associate and William D. Hull, Donald G. Clapp, Michael P. Katz, and J.R. Toren as "Of Counsel" Attorneys. For more information on the firm, visit www.jwcolaw.com.

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