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2015 MEETING DATES

April 20

Regular Meeting at Pirates House

May

No regular meeting. Please attend
the JETC in Houston, TX

June 16 - 17

Golf Tournament/Small Business
Showcase & Icebreaker/Annual
Program Review

July 20

Meeting will be held jointly with
Ft. Stewart at Ft. Stewart, GA

August 17

Regular Meeting at Pirates House

September 21

Regular Meeting at Pirates House

October 19

Regular Meeting at Pirates House

November 16 (tentative)

Evening meeting with Student Post
at Georgia Southern University

December 14

Regular Meeting at Pirates House

APRIL SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT

David W. Hepner, Sr.

Director, Acquisition Operations Division

U.S. Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office



His organization develops, implements, and manages local policies and procedures, performs contract review of procurements, manages property and oversees contractor human resources functions as part of DOE's contract administration. The Division serves as the primary advisor on business and community diversification programs and technology management. His organization coordinates with stakeholders on issues of worker and community transition, public and private educational institutions, local, state and regional planning boards/commissions, chambers of commerce, and economic development

organizations. He also interfaces with Federal, state, and local agencies, elected representatives, public interest groups, and concerned citizens on issues involving the Savannah River Site.

Mr. Hepner is a warranted FAC-C Level III Contracting Officer awarding and administering contracts and financial assistance instruments (grants and cooperative agreements) for DOE. He has the responsibility for the Liquid Waste, Paramilitary Security Services, and Support Services contracts. He has participated in a number of contracting activities through the years using innovation and strives to break down barriers to accomplishing work and win-win solutions. Mr. Hepner received the Secretary of Energy's Gold Award, the Department's highest honor, and he remains the only Savannah River Site employee to receive this honor.

We'd like to hear from you

If you plan on attending the 2015 Critical Infrastructure Symposium please notify
Margaret Walton at margaret.walton@atkinsglobal.com

2015 Critical Infrastructure Symposium (CIS)

3Ps of Resilience: Partnering — Planning — Performance

April 20 & 21, 2015

The Westin BWI Hotel, 1110 Old Elkridge Landing Road, Linthicum, Maryland

Hosted by The Infrastructure Security Partnership & The Society of American Military Engineers



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2015 Connelly Award Winner



Richard English USACE Savannah District

Richard English is the resident Engineer for the Fort Benning Hospital Resident Office. He is currently responsible for overseeing \$90M in MILCON and SRM funded projects. He supervises a staff of over 10 engineers, technicians, and administrative personnel.

Mr. English started his career with the Pittsburgh District as a cooperative education student while he attended Penn State

University. After graduation, he has worked for the Savannah District at Fort Jackson, Fort Bragg and Fort Benning. For the last nine years, Mr. English has been a Resident Engineer at Fort Benning, Georgia. His most recent accomplishment was the successful execution of the \$390 Design-Build, Martin Army Hospital Replacement project.

Mr. English earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Penn State University in 1997. He also earned a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Florida in 2004. Mr. English has been a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Florida since 2004

Nominations for the 2015/16 Savannah SAME Post Officer's Elections

Below are the nominations for officers for the SAME Savannah Post 2015/16 elections. An email will be sent to you later this month with instructions on casting your ballot.

Nominated for President

Maureen Hoke
LTC Darren Payne

Nominated for 1st Vice President

Gwen Parker, The Parker Connection

Nominated for Secretary

Beth Hillard, USACE

Nominated for Treasurer

Gavin Carey, TAB Services

Second Annual CEIT Golf Tournament

Friday, April 24

This is a fun event that helps to raise money for the Engineering and Technology Scholarship Fund at Georgia Southern. The event is held at the University Park Golf Course (named "A 2014 Best New Course" by Golf Digest), located in Statesboro, GA. Details below. Contact Barbara Gooby at bgooby@georgiasouthern.edu or 912-478-7170 for more information.



SCHEDULE

- 7:30 am Check-in
- 8:45 am Announcements
- 9:00 am Shotgun start
- 2:00 pm Awards Banquet in the University Park Clubhouse

Beverages and snacks will be provided on the golf course throughout play

RULES

- > Fort Lauderdale or "Scramble" style play
- > Please follow course rules for carts
- > Each player may purchase up to 3 mulligans at \$10 per mulligan (3 for \$25)
- > Seniors play from white tees
- > Women play from light blue tees
- > Men play from dark blue tees

AWARDS

- > 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in two divisions
- > Hole-in-One
- > Longest Drive (men and women)
- > Closes to the Pin (par 3s)
- > Straightest Drive

ENTRY FEE

- \$125 per player, includes:
- > Green and cart fee
 - > Gift bag
 - > One seat at the Awards Banquet

INFO ON SPONSORSHIPS OPPORTUNITIES

GREEN SPONSOR \$250 (limit 18)

Includes Green Sponsorship sign on course, logo on the sponsorship banner and two seats at the Awards Banquet.

Tee Sponsor \$500 (limit 18)

Includes promotional table at tee, logo on the sponsorship banner and two seats at the Awards Banquet.

Beverage Cart Sponsor \$1000 (SOLD OUT)

Includes entry fee for two players, beverage cart sponsorship sign displayed on one of two beverage carts, logo on the sponsorship banner, and two seats at the Awards Banquet.

Blue Sponsor \$1350

Includes entry fee for foursome, logo on the sponsorship banner, Blue Sponsorship sign, four gift bags and four seats at the Awards Banquet.

Gold sponsor \$2500

Includes entry fee for foursome, opportunity to place promotional items in gift bags, University Park polo shirt for each player, logo on the Gold and Eagle Sponsorship banner, Gold Sponsorship sign, four gift bags and four seats at the Awards Banquet.

Eagle Sponsor \$3500 (limit 3)

Includes entry fee for foursome, opportunity to place promotional items in gift bags, University Park polo shirt for each player, logo on the Gold and Eagle Sponsorship banner, Eagle Sponsorship sign, one premium gift and four gift bags, four seats at the Awards Banquet head table, four tickets to your choice of home football game, fall 2015.



Save the date
June 16-17, 2015

The Annual Program Review June 17

Annual review with briefings from the Corps of Engineers, NAVFAC SE, and other agencies at the Savannah Riverfront Marriott, 100 General McIntosh Boulevard, Savannah, GA 31401
912-233-7722

Golf Tournament June 16

Held at the Club of Savannah Harbor (across the river at the Westin)

Small Business Showcase and Icebreaker

June 16

Held at the Savannah Riverfront Marriott.

To receive the discounted Savannah Riverfront Marriott room rates for the event use Code: SAME.
Room Rates are \$101.



Approximately 600 small contractors will lose their set-aside status in 2015 — and might not know it

written by Jill R. Aitoro, Senior Staff Reporter — *Washington Business Journal*

Nearly 600 small businesses will lose a set-aside status in 2015 — and the Small Business Administration isn't so sure they even realize it yet.

That was among the findings from a report released by the Government Accountability Office Feb. 13 assessing the SBA's contracting program for small businesses located in designated, highly underutilized business zones, or HUBZones.

Areas are designated as HUBZones based on demographic data including unemployment and poverty rates. The problem, according to the GAO, is the SBA lacks an effective way to communicate program changes to small businesses that participate in the program, which allows them to bid on contracts set aside for small businesses located in HUBZones. And because areas can lose their qualifying status due to changes in economic conditions, resulting in a three-year transition period before the status is stripped entirely, communication with participating small businesses is crucial.

In 2015, 3,417 areas that were redesignated, mostly as a result of census results a few years ago, will lose their HUBZone status. There are 578 firms in those areas. Not specified by the GAO is where the affected small businesses are located, but as of June 2014, Virginia, Maryland and D.C. were among the states with the most certified HUBZone small businesses, with 242, 161 and 155 respectively. The SBA's website has an interactive HUBZone map, showing areas that qualified, didn't qualify and redesignated, but it's challenging to maneuver and not terribly intuitive.

Indeed, the SBA relies on website updates and broadcast emails to inform firms about program changes and redesignations that affect area status; but according to SBA officials, the most current notification letter about program changes includes links to the program's website and regulations, but it does not include information on whether the firm is in a redesignated area or when that status will expire. The only time a firm would be directly notified that it was located in a redesignated area would be when it received a notice of proposed decertification from the program after the status of the area expired.

The result is some firms that fail to keep up on changes in the program could be unaware the changes may affect their eligibility, the report noted.

The SBA "is analyzing existing resources" and by July, plans to implement an enhanced mechanism to better inform certified firms of HUBZone designations changes or, at least, explain how a redesignated area can affect their participation in the program.

As I reported in 2011, when it became clear that census data would result in a significant shakeup in HUBZone locations nationwide, moving to a new HUBZone and reapplying for the program isn't easy. To qualify for the program, a small business must have both its principal office in the HUBZone and at least 35 percent of its workforce residing there.

Reference: National Contracting Management Association, *Contract Management News*, publication of February 2015.

LINKS TO KNOW

<http://www.same.org/>

<http://samesavannahpost.org/>

<http://www.sas.usace.army.mil/>

WE WANT YOUR INPUT

If you have an article or announcement you want to include in future issues of the newsletter, please submit them by the end of the previous month to Larry Christopher with Brasfield & Gorrie General Contractors at lchristopher@brasfieldgorrie.com

All newsletters are posted on the Savannah SAME Post's website



SUSTAINING MEMBER BRIEFINGS 2015

The Savannah Post SAME is offering Sustaining Member firms the opportunity to submit an article on their company for the monthly newsletter and to have a two-minute briefing to discuss their firm at the monthly SAME meeting. Each firm will be asked to bring a gift to raffle. A list of all sustaining members is below with each member's assigned month. Please contact Kevin Chafin at kchafin@cemsengineering.com or 843-875-3637 for more information.

NOTE: *If you missed an opportunity to place a sustaining member article from a previous month, please remember you can still submit your article over the next three months.*

JANUARY

AECOM
Alliant Corporation
AMEC
American Structurepoint
ARCADIS
Atkins
Barge Waggoner Sumner and Cannon Inc.
Basha Services LLC.
Bechtel National Inc.
Bhate Environmental Assoc. Inc.

FEBRUARY

Black & Veach Special Project Corp.
Brasfield & Gorrie General Contractors
Bristol Industries
BRPH Companies Inc.
Building & Earth Sciences Inc.
Burns & McDonnell
Caddell Construction Co. Inc.
Cardno, Inc.
Carolinas Concrete Masonry Association
CB&I Federal Services, LLC

MARCH

CDM Smith
CEMS Engineering Inc.
CH2MHILL
CHA Consulting, Inc.
Clark Nexsen
Croft & Associates
Crowder Construction Company
CTI and Associates, Inc.
Davis & Floyd, Inc.
Dewberry

APRIL

Dulohery, Weeks & Gagliano Inc.
EA Engineering, Science & Technology, Inc.
ECC

EXP Federal
Farnsworth Group
GEL Geophysics, LLC
Goodwyn Mills & Cawood, Inc.
HDR
Howard W. Pence, Inc.
Hussey, Gay Bell & DeYoung

MAY

JETC Conference

JUNE

Golf Tournament/Small Business Showcase
and Icebreaker/Annual Program Review

JULY

J2 Engineering, Inc.
Jacobs
Kaiser Kane, Inc.
Knight Architects
KBR North American Government & Defense
Kennedy Engineering & Associates Group LLC
LBYD, Inc.
Leidos
Leo A Daly
Lowe Engineers
LS3P Associates Ltd.
M3 Construction Services Inc.

AUGUST

SA/SC/Carolinas JETS Conference

SEPTEMBER

Mason & Hanger
Merrick & Company
Micah Group Energy & Environmental
Michael Baker Corporation
Moffatt & Nichol
North Wind Group
O'Brien & Gere

Parsons
PES Structural Engineers
Plexus Scientific Corp.
Pond & Company
POWER Engineers, Inc.
Q Solutions, Inc.

OCTOBER

Reynolds, Smith & Hills, Inc.
Rosser International
Schenkel Shultz
Sherlock, Smith & Adams
Siemens Industries Inc
Spatial Engineering Inc.
SpecPro Environmental Services LLC
Stanley Consultants Inc.
Stantec Inc.
STOA Architects
Sundt Construction, Inc.
TAB Services
TEPA, LLC
Tetra Tech, Inc.

NOVEMBER

The Polote Corporation
The Whiting Turner Contracting Co.
Thomas & Hutton Engineering, Co.
Thompson Engineering Inc.
3E Consultants, Inc.
Tidewater Environmental Services, Inc.
Trinity Analysis & Development Corp
URS Corporation
Versar
Volkert, Inc.
WB Interiors
Weston Solutions, Inc.
Woolpert, Inc.

DECEMBER

SAME Savannah Post Christmas Party