



National Association of OEW Contractors

Newsletter

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

February 2010

We are entering 2010 with an expanded Board of Directors and new Committee Chairs. I would like to welcome Brenda Herman (EA Engineering, Science and Technology, Inc.), Wayne Lewallen (EOTI), and Joe Cudney (Parsons) to the Board of Directors. I also welcome our new committee chairs, Brenda Herman (Government Affairs), Doug Lamothe (Operations and Standards), and David Mayfield (Special Committee for International Affairs).



Victoria Kantsios

As the Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) continues to evolve, I believe NAOC will continue to play a key role articulating the needs and concerns of the industry. In order to do this, the Board of Directors developed strategic objectives at our December meeting:

- Increase program funding levels to improve opportunities for NAOC members
- Achieve global recognition for superb munitions response services
- Enhance membership benefits
- Collaborate in the development and application of technology, guidance, and regulations

Each Committee Chair will establish goals that meet these objectives, and articulate and measure progress each year, which we anticipate will demonstrate value of your membership. You too can contribute, through your participation in the various committees and events.

This year our goals include continued collaboration with Government officials regarding the use of Performance Based Contracts; distribution of the NAOC Consensus Standard for Government Comment; and streamlining the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms Employee Possessor and Explosives Act requirements.

All this begins with our 2010 Spring Meeting/Fly-In.

Hope to see you there.

Welcome New Members
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NAOC's Vision: To advance NAOC as the global leader for munitions response services.

UPCOMING EVENTS

22-24 Feb	ADC Winter Forum Albuquerque, NM
15-16 March	NAOC Capitol Fly-In Washington, DC
6-9 April	AF Restoration & Technology Transfer Workshop San Antonio, TX www.afcee.af.mil
16- 12 April	DoD Env. Monitoring & Data Quality Workshop Louisville, KY
4-7 May	SAME National JETC Atlanta, GA www.same.org/JETC
14-17 June	E2S2 Conference Denver, CO www.ndiae2s2.org
13-15 July	DDESB Seminar Portland, Oregon
2-6 August	TSS Workshop (formerly SRP Workshop) Nashville, TN

SAVE THE DATE
Capitol Fly-In
Washington, DC
March 15th & 16th, 2010
see page 8 & 9
for more details.

The 2010 NAOC Spring Meeting/Capitol Fly-In will soon be upon us. This year, the Fly-In will be held 15 - 16 March 2010 in Washington, D.C. The two day event will provide attendees, both first timers and returnees, with opportunities to play an active role in the legislative process. Day 1 will provide an opportunity to learn about the process and lobbying in general. A Congressional reception will be held that evening. Day 2 will begin with a breakfast with members of the UXO Caucus followed by an educational session focused on Performance Based Acquisition (PBA). The afternoon will be spent making visits to Congressional offices in both the House and Senate to talk about NAOC, as well as to advocate on behalf of the association's 2010 priorities.

Registration forms are due to Marlene English by 4 March. If you need a form or additional information, she can be reached at menglish@brownrudnick.com or (202) 536-1703.

Military Munitions Support Services (M2S2) Workshop 2009

The M²S² Workshop was held in Huntsville, AL, December 16 – 17, 2009. More than 450 attendees participated in two days of presentations which included programmatic discussions and break-out sessions focusing on specific technical issues. Representatives from the Assistant Secretary of the Army, US Army Corps of Engineers, US EPA, AEC, and ACSIM provided insight into their respective programs, funding levels, and new initiatives. Technical sessions delved into such issues as geophysical system validation, technology transfer, risk assessment tools, QAPP development and MC sampling, and lessons-learned during project development and execution. Speaker presentations are posted on the NAOC website under "General Documents." The NAOC-sponsored social, which was very well attended, provided an opportunity for members to mingle with the presenters and agency representatives.

OSD PERSPECTIVE

I want to thank NAOC for giving me the opportunity to provide an update on the Department of Defense's (DoD's) Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP). Increased communication and collaboration between DoD and NAOC is important for improving industry practices and DoD's understanding of industry's concerns. I believe that, by working together, we can greatly enhance efforts to ensure the overall protection of human health and the environment.

I think you will be interested to learn about a 2008 policy that revised Defense Environmental Restoration Program (DERP) eligibility. DoD periodically revisits its policies to ensure they satisfy governing statutes, regulations, and programmatic needs. In December 2008, DoD revised DERP eligibility by rescinding certain cutoff dates identified in the 2001 DERP Management Guidance and expanding eligibility for Environmental Restoration Account funding. Specific elements approved were:

- the removal of the date to be eligible for Installation Restoration Program (IRP) funding (formerly October 1996)
- the removal of the date to be eligible for MMRP funding (formerly September 2000)
- the inclusion of all long-term management costs
- addressing munitions constituents migrating off operational ranges.

As of September 20, 2009, the DoD Components are reporting information on the new sites identified as part of this policy change. They will plan, program, and budget for these sites during the next budget submission cycle.

As you may know, we are finalizing revisions to our new DERP Manual. The manual will contain IRP and MMRP policy and guidance, and include information on the Military Munitions Response Site Prioritization Protocol (MRSP) and MMRP goals for current sites.

Other MMRP items of interest include:

- **MRSP:** The MRSP is in place to assign a relative priority to Munitions Response Sites (MRSs) and serves to drive the sequencing of work. The DoD Components have been implementing the MRSP for the past four years. Reports from the field indicate that it is a successful tool for prioritization.
- **Munitions and Explosives of Concern Hazard Assessment (MEC HA):** The MEC HA methodology is a tool developed by EPA, DoD, the Department of Interior, and state environmental regulators to assist site managers and regulators in evaluating explosive safety hazards to people at MRSs. Currently, the Military Services are in year one of a two-year trial of MEC HA implementation. As the trial period ends, my office will reach out to begin collecting data and the necessary information to determine the effectiveness of the MEC HA.

- **Munitions Response Forum (MRF):** My office is enhancing outreach and communication with regulators, federal agencies, and stakeholders. One example of this is our participation in the MRF. The MRF, which replaces the Munitions Response Committee, is a state-led forum bringing stakeholders together to discuss and resolve differing views on munitions cleanup response. DoD looks forward to this opportunity to collaborate with a variety of stakeholders on munitions cleanup.
- **Green Remediation:** Other exciting policy news concerning the MMRP is Green Remediation policy, established in August 2009. While not exclusive to the MMRP, this policy encourages the DoD Components to consider green and sustainable remediation practices in the implementation of the MMRP when and where they make sense. The policy applies to the evaluation of current and future remedies. However, DoD will not re-open Records of Decisions or other decisions and agreements that are already in place or under negotiation.
- **Inventory:** As of the end of FY2008, we identified 3,674 MRSs. If you are interested in more information on the MMRP inventory, visit <http://deparc.xservices.com/do/mmrp>. The inventory will be updated when the FY2009 Defense Annual Report to Congress is published this March.
- **Funding:** As of the end of FY2008, DoD obligated \$283.5 million for MMRP cleanup.

The MMRP continues to mature. As a result, we are planning some new program initiatives this year. Now that we have new information and lessons learned, we will review the following policies and guidance documents with the Military Services and stakeholders to make sure we are moving in the right direction: the MMRP Rule, the DoD policy memo on QA/QC procedures, and the MRSP Primer.

I invite you to share with me your ideas for improving the MMRP and suggestions for greater collaboration between DoD and NAOC. Feel free to contact me at Victor.Wieszek@osd.mil. To conclude I would like to thank you again for your ongoing interest and support of DoD's efforts to create a cleaner, safer environment.

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NAOC Committees

Operations and Standards

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Mission Statement

To advise government agencies on operations and standards issues in the areas of, personnel, safety, training, and technology as they relate to Munitions Response programs and work sites.

Committee Members: Charles Baisley (TEEX), Gene Barber(TLI), Terry Collins (CMSS), Rick Hanoski (EA Engineering), Don Jenkins (MMG), Dennis Lecher (AD-VENT), Wayne Martridonno (Bay West), Sonny Richardson (Weston), Joe Riner (OER), Michael Short (Parsons), Skip Sowards (Power Surveying), Rick Swahn (AECOM), Chuck Welk (InDepth Corp) and Mike Winningham (ZAPATA). Dan Tompkins (ECC) serves as our BOD Advisor.

Government Affairs

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Mission Statement:

Develop, improve and sustain government-industry partnerships through dialogue and interaction with government agencies and organizations.

Ccmmittee Members: Jack Norris (AECOM); Amy Caramanica (Booz Allen); Terry Collins (Critical Mission Support Services); Kathleen Voigt (EA Engineering); Wayne Lewallen (EOTI); Alex Cota and Greg Jacobs (ERRG); Kathryn Steele (EW Wells Group); Eric Spillman and Kate Hutson (JM Waller Associates); Heather Polinsky (Malcolm Pirnie); Roberta Perry-Schlicher (MWH Global); Beth Massa (Native American Environmental); Sarah McGraw (One Stop Environmental); Joe Cudney (Parsons) ; Michael Hoxie (Tetra Tech); Tom Rancich (VRHabilis)

Operations and Standards

The Operations and Standards Committee (OSC) currently has four on-going initiatives:

- **Consensus Standard:** Draft Version 3 was sent out to Member companies requesting comments which will be incorporated into Draft Version 4. Our goal is to have a document that can be sent to selected government agencies for review and comment this spring.
- **Safe Explosives Act issue regarding Employee Possessor Letters of Clearance:** A Tiger Team lead by Rick Hanoski again this year continues to pursue this issue. The Tiger Team is currently working with our lobbyist to schedule and conduct meetings/discussions with the appropriate Congressional staff members in an effort to continue moving this issue forward towards a successful outcome.
- **UXO Technician I Training Programs:** A Tiger Team lead by Skip Sowards has been established. The objective of this Tiger Team is to identify all current U.S. based training programs/schools, to open communications with them to offer an opportunity for a voluntary program / forums to present the institution's curriculum and measurements standards to meet the needs of the pending NAO Industry Consensus Standard, and to also discuss a voluntary program to allow the schools to present their "product" to the industry during a future NAO function.
- **UXO Technician Database:** A Tiger Team lead by Mike Winningham has been established to determine if the documentation of UXO Technicians qualifications and competency level via a UXO Database is required by our Government clients and, if so, to determine who will manage it, how it will be managed and updated on a continuing basis, and how it is to be utilized.

The 2010 OSC has a full plate and we look forward to a productive year. If you have any questions or issues that you think should be brought before this committee, contact any of the above Committee members.

Government Affairs

The FY '10 appropriations process finally wrapped up in late December. Results were mixed. A \$100 million plus up was secured for the BRAC 1990 account. In addition, a \$25 million plus up was secured for the FUDS account. NAO's request for \$3 million for technology transfer projects did not make the final cut. Below is a chart showing the final numbers:

	PB FY '10	FY '10 Final	
BRAC 1990	\$396,768,000	\$496,678,000	+\$100,000,000
FUDS	\$267,700,000	\$292,700,000	+\$25,000,000

While the \$100 million plus up for the BRAC 1990 account seems impressive, when compared against the FY '09 final appropriation of \$458,377,000, the plus up amounts to only a \$38 million plus up from the previous year. Likewise, the FY '09 FUDS appropriation totaled \$291,296,000, rendering the FY '10 appropriations only a \$1,404,000 increases over the previous year. This underscores that there is still much work to be done.

2010 Goals

The FY '11 appropriations process is underway. The President's Budget is due to be released on 1 February.

In 2010 (for FY 2011), NAO will continue its efforts to secure additional funding for the BRAC 1990 account as well as the FUDS account. Requests for a \$100 million plus up for each account will be submitted in the House and Senate. In addition, NAO will be submitting a request for \$3 million for technology transfer projects through the Army EQT Program.

For those who are unfamiliar with the authorization and appropriations process, below is a short time line of how the process, in a perfect world, moves forward.

Date	Action
February 1 st	President submits his budget
April 15 th	Congress adopts a Budget Resolution
February – March timeframe	Authorization Committees set the ceilings or "allocations" in accordance with the Budget. NAO works with the Armed Services Committees of each house.
March – May time frame	The Appropriations Committees, beginning at the subcommittee level, develop and pass their individuals bills. NAO works with the Defense Subcommittee for FUDS funding and the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies Subcommittee for the BRAC 1990 Account funding.
June- September time frame	Appropriations bills go to the House and Senate floors for consideration. The two versions are sent to a Conference Committee to reconcile the differences. The Conference Bill is voted on by both houses The bill is sent to the President who has 10 days to sign or veto the legislation. If he does nothing the bill becomes law after 10 days. If he vetoes it, it is sent back to Congress and requires 2/3rds vote in both Houses to override the veto.
October 1	The new fiscal year begins. Ideally all appropriation bills should be passed by this date.

Technology

In December 2009, the Military Munitions Support Services (M2S2) workshop was held in Huntsville. The geophysics breakout session had presentations on Innovative Technology (IT) Transfer updates, current RA and RI Quality Control (QC) Tables for Digital and Analog Mapping, Geophysical System Verification (GSV) utilization, and the development of Geophysical Instrument Response Curves. All presentations from the speakers and breakouts sessions were posted to the NAOC website.

SERDP/ESTCP continues to present the short course entitled “*Geophysical System Verification (GSV) – Alternative to Geophysical Prove-Outs (GPO)*”. The course was presented at the SERDP/ESTCP 2009 Symposium “Partners in Environmental Technology” and the M2S2 Workshop. The GSV course will also be presented at the Navy Remediation Innovative Technology Seminar (RITS) series in April and May. Tamir Klaff (CH2M Hill) and Tom Bell (SAIC) will be supporting the GSV courses at the RITS meetings as instructors.

SERDP/ESTCP In-Progress Review (IPR) meetings concerning Munitions Management thrust area projects were held in Arlington, Virginia on February 3– 4, 2010. The NAOC was represented at the IPR meeting by John Allan of NAEVA and Al Crandall of USA Environmental Inc. Talking points for each new technology presented include: proposed use of the new technology, current developmental stage, and plans for technology transfer to the geophysics community (the end users). Several interesting presentations were given, including a presentation on SAIC’s work on an updated version of Geosoft UX_Analyze2 to work with the new generation EMI systems (TEMTADS and Metal Mapper). Also, new enhancements to the Visual Sampling Plan (VSP) software for UXO applications were presented. All the presentations will be posted on the NAOC website when made available by SERDP/ESTCP

ESTCP is seeking innovative technology demonstrations as candidates for funding. The ESTCP solicitation was released on January 7, 2010. The solicitation requests pre-proposals via Calls for Proposals to Department of Defense (DoD) organizations and Federal (Non-DoD) organizations as well as a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for Private Sector organizations. The submission deadline for pre-proposals is March 4, 2010. Information on the ESTCP Solicitation can be found at: <http://www.estcp.org/opportunities/>.

Member Services

Is it really February already? My time flies! It seems only yesterday we were gathered at our 2009 Fall Meeting in sunny Fort Lauderdale, Florida. My poll of member attendees reveals that the meeting was tremendously worthwhile with an excellent speaker line-up and beautiful surroundings. Many members gave the sunny weather two thumbs up and there was a general consensus that warm weather is a real draw in November. The current Member Service’s committee has adopted an internal policy of rotating the Fall Meeting so we will be looking at venues in the west. If you’d like to make a suggestion, please send it to me directly at kyra.donnell@ch2m.com. All input is appreciated and will be considered.

We ended 2009 on a high note with a new addition to our membership, the Belgian firm **aDeDe**. We are particularly pleased with our newest membership as it demonstrates a measure of success in expanding our membership globally. Looking forward, the Member Services Committee left the December Board of Director’s Meeting with specific goals for retaining and expanding membership and I look forward to working with our committee members to implement the measures to achieve and exceed those goals.

NAOC Committees

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Mission Statement:

Promote the research and development of promising technologies and the successful transfer of validated technologies for improved, safe, and cost-effective MEC detection, discrimination, and remediation solutions. Encourage synergy between government, industry, and academia to advance technologies for performing MEC-related site cleanup.

Member Services



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Mission Statement:

Show maximum value and benefits of membership to retain existing members and attract new members by providing: a) access to industry shapers, b) mechanism for promotion of industry, and c) opportunity to impact breaking industry events and information.

International Affairs

Committee Members: Deanna Enman (XTech); John Allan (NAEVA Geophysics); Cheryl Mahoney (TLi Solutions); Kyra Donnell (CH2M Hill); Ray Velasquez (ECC); Ray Peek (RONCO); Jonathan Sperka (HGL); Mike Warminsky (UXB); Mark Fletcher (ARCADIS)

The NAOC Board of Directors has selected EOD Technology, Inc. (EODT) to chair the NAOC Special Committee for International Affairs. David Mayfield P.E., will chair the committee. While the Committee has yet to establish a final charter, the intent of its establishment is to promote the expertise and services of the Organization and its Member Firms so that they may grow on a global scale. Founded in 1987 and a founding member of NAOC, EODT is an employee-owned professional services company with a permanent staff of approximately 1,200 persons with offices in the US, Iraq, Afghanistan, Costa Rica, South Africa, and Nigeria. EODT also manages a staff of more than 3,000 Local National and Third Country National subcontractor personnel worldwide and is accredited by the Mine Action Center Afghanistan and the United Nations. Look for additional details from this Special Committee in next month's issue.

Strategic Planning

Committee Members: John Bowles (Ch2M Hill); Brenda Herman (EA Engineering); Wayne Lewallen (EOTI); Ben Redmond (CH2M Hill); Sonny Richardson (Weston Solutions); Len Kuhn (Wells Group)

Throughout last year the NAOC Special Committee for Strategic Planning (SCSP), in consultation with our membership, developed and proposed "Draft" Strategic Objectives with recommendations for supporting initiatives, metrics and potential ownership. The SCSP submitted the Draft Strategic Objectives and related recommendations to the BOD for their comments and suggestions. NAOC BOD members (Zapata, Parsons, URS and Malcolm Pirnie) contributed specific comments and ideas that were instrumental in improving these Strategic Objectives which were finalized in discussions at our last BOD Meeting and are presented below.

1. Increase Program Funding Levels to Improve Opportunities for NAOC Members
2. Achieve Global Recognition for Superb Munitions Response Services
3. Enhance Membership Benefits
4. Collaborate in the Development and Application of Technology, Guidance and Regulations

Refinement of measurable initiatives under these Strategic Objectives and ownership assignment of the measurable initiatives will be the next phase of Strategic Planning with an estimated completion date of 31 March 2010. Our Committee would like to thank all NAOC members who provided comments which helped to develop the strategic initiatives.

NAOC Committees

Special Committee for International Affairs

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Mission Statement:

To promote NAOC as a global organization by expanding membership internationally and to provide global leadership for technical and operational standards in the munitions response arena.

Special Committee for Strategic Planning

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Mission Statement:

To reach consensus on NAOC's mission, vision, and organizational values/purpose.

We had a great turn out at the NAOC Annual Meeting that was held in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, November 3-5, 2009. The theme of the meeting was “Meaningful Expansion”. The Board of Directors meeting was held on Tuesday, November 3, 2009. Eleven member firms were elected as the Board of Directors. Individuals were then elected as Officers and Committee Chairs. Thank you to all past participants and welcome to all of those who hold new positions in the Association. We had key headquarter level speakers from each of the services and the meetings and presentation were exciting and informative. All presentation from the meeting have been posted on the NAOC (naoc.org) website.

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President

Ms. Suzy McKinney, Zapata Incorporated
Vice President

Mr. Sonny Richardson, Weston Solutions
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Mr. John Chionchio, USA Environmental, Inc.
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Mr. Jeffrey Leberfinger, ARM Geophysics
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Ms. Kyra Donnell, CH2M Hill
Member Services Committee

Mr. David Mayfield, EODT
International Affairs Special Committee and Canadian Affairs Subcommittee

Mr. John Bowles, CH2M Hill
Special Committee for Strategic Planning

Draft 2010 Spring Meeting / Capitol Fly-In

Monday, March 15

10:00 – noon

Training Sessions
Brown Rudnick LLP, 601 - 13th Street, NW, 6th Floor (South Elevator)
Washington, DC 20004
(Right Above Metro Center – Take 13th Street Exit)

Training includes:

- NAOC Legislative Priorities
- Messaging
- Basic Lobbying the Hill 101
- How to reach out to state and local leaders
- Role Playing
- Compliance

Noon – 2:00

Presentation on the 2010 Political Landscape; Michael Lewan of Brown Rudnick

2:00 – 4:00

Training Sessions Conclude

5:30 – 7:00

UXO Caucus Wine & Cheese Reception; B-369 Rayburn House Office Building

Tuesday, March 16

8:30 – 9:00

Breakfast Gathering
Room HC-6, The Capitol

9:00 – 10:00

Conversation with UXO Caucus Co-chairs (Invited)
Room HC-6, The Capitol
Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-OR)
Rep. Ginny Brown-Waite (R-FL)
Rep. Sam Farr (D-CA)
Rep. Don Manzullo (R-IL)

10:00– Noon

Presentations/Discussion on Performance-Based Acquisition (Invited)

Dr. Dorothy Robyn – Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment
Mr. Addison Davis, IV – Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army Environment, Safety, and Occupational Health
Mr. James Balocki – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Chief Environmental Community of Practice
Ms. Julia Wise – Office of Management and Budget
Mr. Mike Canales – Office of the Secretary of Defense

Discussion and Q&A on Performance-Based Acquisition

NOON – 1:00

Lunch on your own

1:00 – 5:00

Hill visits to individual Congressional offices
There will be a holding room available. Location TBA.

2010 Spring Meeting / Capitol Fly-In Registration Form 15 – 16 March 2010

Please Respond by 4 March 2010

Attendee Name: _____

Company name: _____

Work Address: _____

If different, Corporate HQ Location with Zip Code: _____

Home Zip Code: _____ Email Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Have you participated in a past NAOC Fly-In? Yes _____ No _____

List current Munitions Response/Range Clearance Project Sites:

List current contacts you have with Members of Congress/Senators or staff on UXO issues:

Is there anything we should know about your company that will help with scheduling visits on the Hill?

Please Mark Events You Plan to Attend:

Monday
___ Orientation Session
___ Reception on Capitol Hill

Tuesday
___ Breakfast Gathering
___ Briefings
___ Congressional Office Visits

Other thoughts/comments:

Please return this form to Marlene English by email (menglish@brownrudnick.com) or fax (202)536-1703)



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NAOC POC for Cape

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ESTCP Proposal Solicitation Released
Pre-proposals Due March 4

ESTCP is seeking innovative environmental and energy technology demonstrations as candidates for funding. The ESTCP solicitation was released on January 7, 2010. This solicitation is open to both federal and non-federal organizations. The due date for all pre-proposals is March 4, 2010. More specific information about the solicitation is available under the [Opportunities](#) tab.

WEBINAR FOR THE ESTCP SOLICITATION. ESTCP Director Dr. Jeffrey Marqusee conducted an **online seminar “ESTCP Funding Opportunities”** on January 15, 2010. This “how to play” briefing offered valuable information for those who are interested in new funding opportunities within ESTCP. During the online seminar, participants were able to ask general questions about the funding process, the current ESTCP solicitation, and the proposal submission process. This 47-minute webcast has been archived in [PDF](#), [MP3 Audio](#) (43 MB), and [Streaming Video](#).

SERDP Soliciting Proposals for FY 2011 Funding
Core Submissions from Federal Organizations Due March 11
All SEED Proposals Due March 11

ESTCP’s partner in environmental technology, the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP), released its annual Core and SERDP Exploratory Development (SEED) solicitations for FY 2011 on October 29, 2009. Funds are available through a competitive process to both federal and private organizations to perform environmental research and development. For the Core solicitation, **federal proposals are due March 11, 2010.** (Note: Pre-proposals from the non-federal sector were due January 7, 2010.) In addition, SEED Statements of Need (SON) were released for several focus areas. **All SEED proposals are due March 11, 2010.** Detailed instructions and the SONs are available on the SERDP site under the “[Funding Opportunities](#)” link. www.estcp.org.

Aqua Survey, Inc. to Rejoin Egyptian Expedition

Aqua Survey’s technical diver/marine archeologist Eric Smith, 47, will be headed to Alexandria, Egypt this April to use ASI’s proprietary EM61-based diver maneuvered sled to locate underwater buried antiquities. Expedition leader Franck Goddio reached out to ASI in 2001 to perform high-resolution sediment vibracoring. Goddio, 62, received worldwide recognition for his team’s discovery of the ancient submerged Royal Quarters (Cleopatra) off Alexandria in 1996, the lost cities and monuments of Heracleion, and the suburb of Canopus in the Bay of Aboukir in following years. The sediment cores ASI collected helped Goddio and Smithsonian’s scientists to conclude these areas had probably disappeared into the sea after a series of earthquakes.

During the 2010 Expedition Smith will use the new diver system to survey areas of interest where the high-powered system’s greater detection range is needed. In the past hand-held systems have been utilized. The new system will more than double the detection range and has the added advantage of having an underwater DGPS monitor. Smith who has worked with Franck Goddio each year since 1996 looks forward to using the system for a three-week period in Egypt.



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Photo of Eric Smith looking into the eyes of the Sphinx he discovered near Cleopatra’s Palace.
Photo Credit: Franck Goddio Society



TEEX UXO Graduation Announcement

TEEX Heavy Equipment Operator for Ordnance Workers Graduation Announcement

Congratulations to the 1st TEEX Heavy Equipment Operator for Ordnance Workers class. On November 27, 2009, the class completed the 40 hour course which certified them to operate backhoes, forklifts and excavators in a UXO environment.

This innovative course combines the standard course structure for equipment operators with tasks involved in extraction of ordnance items. The activities included locating, digging, use of the Schonstedt during the extraction phase, and rigging the ordnance item for lifting out of the ground under the oversight of an UXO Tech III. The students who graduated are now ready to enter the field in support of NAOC companies working throughout the US. TEEX would like to thank and congratulate those students for completing the 1st Heavy Equipment Operator for Ordnance Workers class. The next class will be held Feb 22-26 in College Station, Texas. More information can be found at www.teex.org or by calling 800-423-8433.

We look forward to seeing other NAOC member companies back again for our next UXO Career Day scheduled for February 19, 2010. Please contact us at 979-845-6677 to confirm your attendance and availability for lunch with the UXO training staff and graduates.

Congratulations to the 39th UXO Technician class. On November 13, 2009, twenty-two graduates completed TEEX's 200 hour Unexploded Ordnance Technician Level I course with a class average of 92%. The class Honor Graduate, Clifford Wade, maintained the top individual grade point average of 98%.

Although not all participants who began the course were able to successfully complete it, those who applied themselves are now ready to enter the field in support of NAOC companies working throughout the US. In support of these NAOC member companies, TEEX hosted another career day on November 13, inviting hiring companies to make initial contact with the graduates. This event continues to provide a great service to graduating technicians and has become a valuable resource for each as they enter the industry.

TEEX would like to thank those NAOC member company representatives, Martha Freeman (PIKA), Brady Stevenson (Aero Tech), for taking time to come see us here in College Station, TX.

We look forward to seeing other NAOC member companies back again for our next UXO Career Day scheduled for February 19, 2010. Please contact us at 979-845-6677 to confirm your attendance and availability for lunch with the UXO training staff and graduates.

TEEX/ISSEE Humanitarian Demining Graduation Announcement

On November 20, 2009, the 1st Humanitarian Demining class of 6 graduates completed the 40 hour course at the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) located in College Station, Texas. TEEX and the International School for Security and Explosive Education (ISSEE) from the UK have teamed up to offer the Humanitarian Demining class. The graduates of this class received international certification through City and Guilds of London, England for meeting all International Mine Action Standards (IMAS) requirements.

The students who graduated are now ready to enter the field in support of international companies working throughout the world in humanitarian demining and battle area clearance.

TEEX would like to thank those 6 students for attending the 1st TEEX/ISSEE Humanitarian Demining Class. The next Humanitarian Demining class offered by TEEX is scheduled for February 22-26, 2010. Please contact TEEX at 800-423-8433 for enrollment information.

***Bay West, Inc. Receives DOD Recognition
as a Patriotic Employer***

St. Paul, Minnesota—Bay West, Inc., an environmental, military munitions response, and industrial services company, announced that it has received the Patriot Award through the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). The ESGR is a Department of Defense organization that seeks to promote a culture in which all American Employers support and value the military service of their employees.

Bay West was nominated for the award by employee and Marine Corp Reserve member Pat Martin, who was deployed for 11 months in 2008-2009. The award recognizes employers for their support of National Guard and Reserve members. *“Bay West was very supportive to both me and my family while deployed. Bay West employees also sent the Marines countless “care packages” to make life a little easier. The owners and employees of Bay West have made my military obligation an uncomplicated duty,”* said Martin, Bay West’s Emergency Response Service Manager since 2006.

Also, announced that it has opened an office in Sacramento, CA. The office is managed by Tim Salane, PE, Sr. Project Manager, who has 7 years of experience with Bay West and 24 years of experience in the environmental industry. Mr. Salane will be working with Federal customers including the US Army Corps of Engineers, US Air Force, US Navy, and US EPA throughout the west coast, providing environmental and military munitions services.

Bay West has performed several long-term projects on the west coast, including military munitions work at Edwards AFB, CA, Former Stead AFB, NV, and Nellis AFB, NV. *“Opening an office near the USACE Sacramento District, with whom we currently hold a multi-million-dollar environmental services contract, will enhance our ability to execute projects in the western U.S.,”* said Lon Larson, President.

Celebrating its 35th year, Bay West serves customers nationally with offices in St. Paul, MN (HQ), Duluth, and Bemidji, MN, Seattle and Spokane, WA, Kalamazoo, MI, Kalispell, MT, Goldsboro, NC, Eglin AFB, FL, Grand Island, NE, Cincinnati, OH, and Sacramento, CA.

***Bay West Awarded \$9.9M Munitions Response Single Award Task Order Contract (SATOC)
for USACE Omaha District***

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA—**Bay West, Inc.**, an environmental services company, announced that it has been awarded a Small Business SATOC to perform Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) services at sites nationwide for the Omaha District US Army Corps of Engineers and its customers. Bay West has held similar contracts with the Omaha District and has performed more than \$26M in MMRP investigation and remediation work in the last 5 years.

Associated with the contract win is a \$1.3M task order to perform Comprehensive Site Evaluation (CSE) Phase I’s at 16 installations in the central and western US. CSE Phase I’s involve performing historical records reviews, interviews, and site inspections/visual surveys to determine the potential threat to human health and the environment associated with historical munitions activities.

Bay West provides environmental, military munitions, and industrial services to Government customers nationwide. For more information on Bay West, log onto www.baywest.com.

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