



April 2014 Newsletter

Message from the President

We heard during our Spring Meeting and Partnering Session that DoD is considering an accreditation program for firms performing advanced geophysical classification. This accreditation is similar to the DoD Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (DoD ELAP). The DoD Environmental Data Quality Workgroup (EDQW) is now drafting recommendations and criteria for qualifying and assessing organizations performing advanced classification projects based on national and international standards. To understand NAOC's interest and position on accreditation, we asked that you respond to a survey.

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NAOC Membership Meeting!

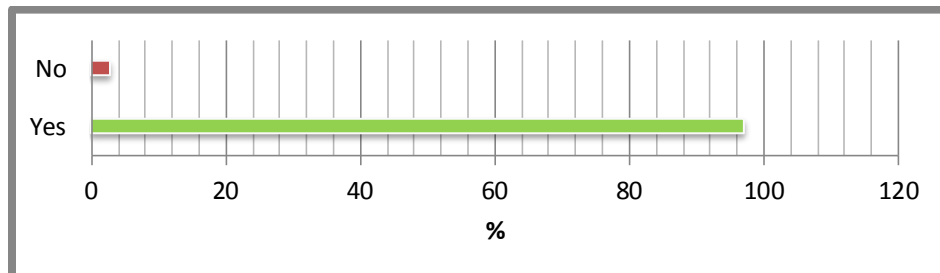
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Location will be announced shortly.

A total of 35 responses were received from 29 member companies. The four companies that responded multiple times provided the same answer to the questions. One individual from the Navy also provided a response.

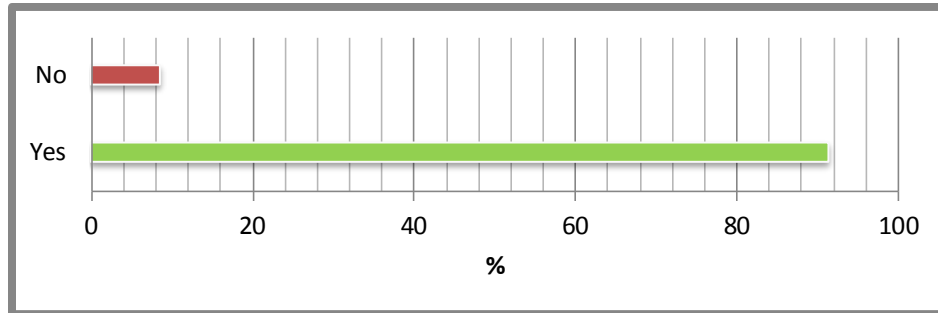
Results of the survey are provided below:

Question 1. Are you aware of or familiar with the advanced geophysical classification process?

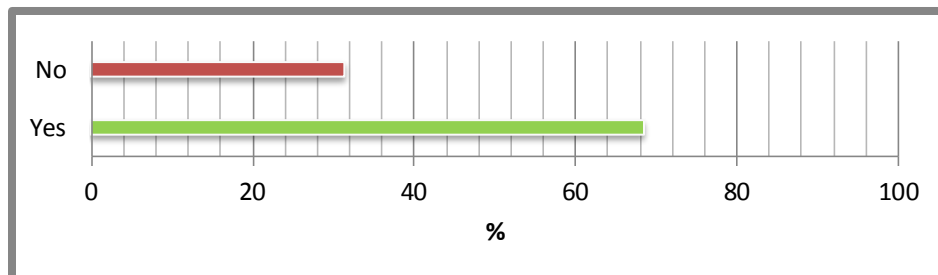




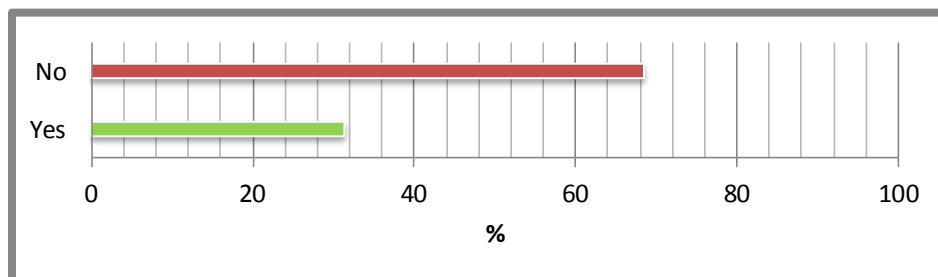
Question 2. Do you intend to integrate advanced geophysical classification into your munitions response services portfolio?



Question 3. We learned at our annual Fly-in and Spring Meeting that DoD would like to develop an accreditation program for firms performing advanced geophysical classification. This accreditation is similar to the DoD Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (DoD ELAP). Are you interested in pursuing an accreditation to be able to perform advanced geophysical classification on your projects?



Question 4. My firm is already accredited by a national or international quality management organization like ISO, NELAC or ANSI as examples.



Question 5. Please provide a list of the quality management accreditations that your firm currently maintains.

All responses: 9001:2008 Quality Management and ISO 14001:2004 Environmental Management; ISO; ISO 9000, 14000; ISO 9001; ISO 9001; ISO 9001; ISO 9001, 14001, AS/NZS 4801, OSHSAS 18001; ISO 9001. Probably others of which I am not aware.; iso, ansi, osha; ISO9001; NQA-1 Compliant but not accredited; Numerous accreditations both US and Internationally. However I am not confident that the Department of Defense can or should



establish a accreditation program for Advance Classification as it will likely discriminate against small businesses.

Out of the 35 responses, 68% expressed interest in pursuing an accreditation to perform geophysical classification on our munitions response projects. A summary of the results is attached to this newsletter. Additional information can be found in our Spring Meeting presentations and notes from our DoD Parting Session.

Ryan Steigerwalt, P.G.
President, NAOC

Capitol Hill Fly-In and Spring Meeting Review

Government Affairs Chair, Mr. Jonathan Sperka (Ordnance Holdings, Inc.)



Despite the potential for bad weather, the 2014 Fly-In was a success. We had over 50 participants attend the events with the most number of Congressional Hill visits ever 47 – split between the House and Senate. Although the weather can be an issue in March for the Washington, D.C. area, it is the ideal time to lobby Congress due to the timing of appropriations. This year the President’s Budget was released the first day of the Fly-In, therefore we were able to discuss specific funding levels and challenges with the staff we met with during the Hill visits. We had the honor of having the Wednesday briefing session kicked off by Mr. John Conger, Acting Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment. He took many questions from the membership and provided frank answers to those questions.



FUDS Funding Request Update –

Congressman Blumenauer’s office drafted and circulated a letter requesting that the FY 2015 FUDS funding levels remain constant (i.e., at 2014 levels) for next year. The letter was an effort to minimize and/or eliminate pending budget cuts to the FUDS program. In addition, the NAOC submitted an appropriations request through Congressman Honda’s office asking for the FUDS funding level to be set at the FY 2014 level of \$287,443,000. NAOC also made our allies in the House and Senate aware this is the funding level we are requesting.



Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 – Study Group

The GAC, in coordination with the Small Business Subcommittee, has established a small study group to assess the potential impacts to the industry from the 2010 SB Jobs Act (SBJA). Although drafted in 2010, the law came in effect in 2013, and many of NAOC member company clients' are updating their procurement strategies to comply with the new regulations.

The SBJA will impact procurement strategies for several key contracts of interest to NAOC membership such as Baltimore District's recomplete of the Multiple Award Military Munitions Services (MAMMS) contract and Huntsville Center's United States Environmental Remediation Services (USERS) and International Remediation and Environmental Services (IRES) contracts.





Potential effects include impacts to the types of set asides, the setup of contract pools, and how task orders are issued. The changes have the potential to affect a large majority of NAOC member companies as most companies (large or small) team and/or subcontract with Small Business.



The SBJA Study Group will comb through the SBJA and other information available (e.g., DoD guidance, briefings) and draft a white paper on the Act and its potential impact to contracts of

interest to the industry. Members from the GAC who have agreed to help with this study include: Rhonda Crowley (OHI), Chuck Welk (InDepth), Jason Shiflet (ZAPATA), Rich McConnell (Bay West), Joe Skibinski (Leidos), Bryan Stone (LASEOD), Mike Tambroni (ERRG), Cheryl Riordan (USA Environmental), Jonathan Sperka (OHI), and Roy Phillips (Burns & McDonnell).

DoD – NAOC Partnering Session

Secretary and Partnering Lead, Ms. Suzy Cantor-McKinney (Zapata Incorporated)

Thank you to all who participated in the NAOC-DoD partnering session on March 6th. More than 30 member companies were represented at this important dialogue.

A summary of the meeting and supporting documents were posted on the NAOC website, under [Members Only / Library / General Documents / Partnering Sessions](#).

NAOC attends the 17th International Meeting of Mine Action National Program Directors and UN Advisors and the International Mine Action Standards Review Board



Special Committee on International Affairs, Mr. Mark Albe (Sterling Global)

At the request of the Director of the United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) Agnès Marcaillou, the National Association of Ordnance Contractors (NAOC) was invited to participate in the Seventeenth International Meeting of Mine Action National Program Directors and UN Advisors, Geneva, 31 March to 2 April 2014. The annual meeting is an opportunity for the mine action community to meet and assess the progress and challenges within the sector. Participants include



senior officials from the mine action program, colleagues from United Nations departments and agencies, international non-governmental organizations, experts from donor governments, commercial entities, and other mine action implementing partners. At the conclusion of this conference, the NAOC participated in the annual gathering of the International Mine Action Standards (IMAS) Review Board, 3 April 2014.

The overarching theme of this year's meeting was "Monitoring, Measurability, and Evaluation" with plenary and breakout sessions exploring how these are taken into account in mine action policies, approaches, management, planning, reporting, and operational considerations. Several meeting highlights included:

- Keynote address on Monitoring, Measurability, and Evaluation – the challenges in measuring success by Sir Andrew Likierman (London Business School);
- Opportunities for Contractors special invitation meeting held by Yoshiyuki Yamamoto, Chief
- Mine Action Cluster, UNOPS (Presentation is attached);
- Several meeting breakout sessions on Management of Munitions Sites, Libya Humanitarian Mine Action, Arms, and Ammunition Management Achievements and Challenges, Practical Approaches to Quality Management, and a 9 topic series on What's New in Mine Action session;
- Opening ceremony and photo exhibit to commemorate the International Day for Mine Action Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action 2014 – Women in Mine Action.

The complete meeting agenda, presentations and list of registered participants is posted on the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD) webpage <http://www.gichd.org/> under the 17th International Meeting of Mine Action National Programme Directors and UN Advisors tab. The IMAS Review Board webpage is <http://www.mineactionstandards.org> and the IMAS Review Board information and meeting agenda is also located at this link.

Conclusion –

The continued active participation and collaboration with UNMAS and UNOPS both informally (existing and expanding relationships) and formally (mutual conference participation, IMAS Review Board, etc) is in the overall best interests of NAOC and its member companies. We have been able to quickly establish ourselves in a short period of time at a reasonable investment as a valued contributor to the existing and overall expanding mission of these organizations. There are also clear pathways for interested NAOC members to procure services on a variety of different needs and levels. It is our committee's 2014 objective to make available / educate our interested NAOC members on these potential opportunities, how to be a registered supplier, and the procurement process. In the future we should continue to participate in this critical conference and



continue to leverage our organization's value focusing on the overall NAOC knowledge, capabilities, technology, and experience base and synergy for future continued collaboration.



Small Business (SB) Ad Hoc Committee Update



Committee Chair, Mr. Jonathan Chionchio (USA Environmental)

At the 2013 Annual Membership Meeting, the need for a small business committee (SBC) was discussed; voted upon and formed and the SBC got off to a strong start. In January, we solicited committee volunteers; drafted a Mission Statement and established 2014 Objectives. We meet on the third Wednesday of each month.

We quickly setup a SBC portal on NAOC's website, which contains our monthly meeting Agendas & Minutes (February thru April), list of members and links to nine, and growing, SB-related websites, including SBA, SB FAR Regulations, USACE HQS SB Office, etc.

We recently published a memo to all NAOC members introducing a firm (Piliero Mazza) that provides seminars and webinars on a wide variety of topics, including "The Ins and outs of Joint Venture Agreements" and "Understanding the SBA's Affiliation Rules." We are currently working on candidates for SB speakers at NAOC's mid-summer and annual fall meetings.

The SBC is currently made up of 15 NAOC members, including two Co-Chairpersons one each from small and large business members. Feel free to join our monthly meetings just contact one of our members listed below for details.

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Geophysical Requirements Discussion with USACE

*Technology Committee Chair, Mr. Jeffrey Leberfinger
(Terranear PMC)*



Geophysicist representatives of the Technology Committee and NAOC companies met with USACE geophysicists on April 17. The technology committee reviewed the current USACE Geophysical QC requirements and developed discussion points for the meeting. USACE geophysicists reviewed the discussion points and developed responses which they developed into the slide presentation and summary attached. USACE also set up a web meeting for those NAOC and USACE district geophysicists who could not attend. NAOC was represented by about 17 geophysicists in person and another 5 - 10 on the web meeting. The meeting was very productive and we plan on having additional meetings as needed in the future. Results from the presentation are available on the NAOC website.

Schedule of Industry Events

➤ **NAOC Board of Directors Meeting:** Our Summer NAOC Board of Directors meeting is currently being planned. The location and dates are being finalized.

➤ **List of industry events:**

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| May 8 – 9, 2014 | UX-Analyze Training, Denver, CO |
| May 14 – 15, 2014 | UX-Analyze Training, Arlington, VA |
| (TBD) May 2014 | NAOC Webinar: ATF Updates, Mr. Michael O’Lean |
| (TBD) June 2014 | NAOC Webinar: Technology Developments (other than geophysical classification), Dr. Herb Nelson |
| (TBD) Summer 2014 | NAOC Board of Directors Meeting |
| (TBD) October 2014 | NAOC Webinar: Geophysical Trends and Lessons Learned, Mr. Bob Selfridge |

USACE FY14 M2S2 Webinars

Registration for all the webinar sessions is now open at <http://www.clu-in.org/live/>.

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| 24 June 2014 | MMRP Tools | 1300 - 1615 Eastern |
| 21 August 2014 | Explosives Safety | 1300 - 1615 Eastern |

If you have questions about the M2S2 webinar series, please contact Mr. Dwayne Ford from the USACE Environmental and Munitions Center of Expertise at (256) 529-7184 or e-mail Dwayne.C.Ford@usace.army.mil.

FY '15 Authorization & Appropriation Status

President's Budget Released March 4th	ER - FUDS - \$208,353,000		
	BRAC Combined Account - \$270,085,000		
	ER - Army - \$201,560,000		
	ER - Navy - \$277,294,000		
	ER - Air Force - \$408,716,000		
		<u>House</u>	<u>Senate</u>
Defense Authorization	ER - FUDS	ER - FUDS	
	ER - Army	ER - Army	
	ER - Navy	ER - Navy	
	ER - Air Force	ER - Air Force	
	Subcommittee Markup 4/29-5/1/14	Subcommittee Markup 5/20-21/14	
	Full Committee Markup 5/7/14	Full Committee Markup 5/22/14	
	Possible Floor Consideration week of 5/19/14		
Defense Appropriations	ER - FUDS	ER - FUDS	
	ER - Army	ER - Army	
	ER - Navy	ER - Navy	
	ER - Air Force	ER - Air Force	
	BRAC	BRAC	
Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies (MILCON) Appropriations	BRAC - \$270,085,000*		
	Passed Subcommittee on a voice vote 4/2/14		
	Passed Full Committee on a voice vote 4/9/14		

* FY 2015 House Milcon Appropriations Act Report also contains the following language: Legacy BRAC sites. As the Committee has previously noted in H. Rept. 112-94, the Committee remains extremely concerned regarding the current pace of Legacy BRAC site clean-up. The fiscal year 2013 National Defense Authorization Act combined the 2005 and 1990 BRAC accounts so the resources in the 2005 BRAC account could be used to clean up Legacy BRAC sites. However, it is unclear to the Committee how these resources shall be used. Therefore, the Committee directs the Department of Defense to report back to the Committee within 90 days of enactment of this Act its plan to expedite and expand clean-up activities of BRAC legacy bases and how it will fully utilize the funds previously appropriated.