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### What's New?

#### Chicago Location has moved!

Our Chicago office has moved up....one floor, that is! Please make note of our new suite number (1705) in your address book! We can still be reached at the same phone number - (312) 277-1700.

#### ACEC 2011 Engineering Excellence Award

ESI Consultants has won an ACEC Engineering Excellence Merit Award for a new water system in Long Grove! Look for the details in our next newsletter!

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### A Message from Joe...

I know it's a cliché, but it does seem like the years pass faster and faster. As we near the end of 2011 I hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving with family and friends. Year-end holidays seem to bring about a mix of emotions. It's a great time to reflect on the past year while planning for the future.

The past year has been interesting in so many ways. While we have had a few struggles related to the ups and downs of the economy, we have had much to be grateful for. In this newsletter you will find some updates on our projects, information about our staff who participated in some volunteer work this past summer and some industry updates.

I am privileged to be able to write these introductions to our newsletters. And as we wrap up our 2011 and enter our tenth year as a company, it's great to be a part of the ESI team. Enjoy the rest of your holidays.

Optimistically yours,  
Joe



For the third year in a row, ESI has been named one of the Hot Firms by Zweig White!

Every October since 2000, Zweig-White has recognized the "Hottest" architecture, engineering, planning, and environmental consulting firms. These firms receive a special award during a black tie celebration dinner at The Zweig Letter Hot Firm Conference. CEOs, owners, presidents, principals and other leaders from the top design and environmental firms come to this conference every year to share industry news, compare strategies for success, learn from their peers, and leave with inspiration for another successful year.

"Our company is as successful as it is today because of some hard work, some great people to work with, some flexibility in how we define and market ourselves, and a lot of blessings." Joe Chiczewski, Zweig White Letter Interview, October 2011 Issue

### Special Olympics Summer Games



This summer ESI had the privilege of helping out at the Special Olympics 2011 Summer Games at Illinois State University in Bloomington / Normal, IL. As ESI employees and their families checked in at Volunteer Central, we were touched not only by the energy and enthusiasm shown by the athletes, but also by the dedication of the Special Olympics staff to make sure that everyone - athletes, volunteers and spectators - had fun and left that event with a renewed awareness of the many abilities and talents that these young people have. They truly are an inspiration and we were honored to be a part of this year's games.

## Construction Update

This past summer our construction staff has worked on multiple types of projects in locations all over central and southern Illinois. These services have been provided to state, county and municipal clients.

Dan White and Frank Kessler are continuing their construction engineering services for the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT District 8) on IL 159 on the south edge of downtown Collinsville. This project is an urban widening project transforming an existing two lane section into a four lane facility with a bi-direction center turn lane. The work includes new storm sewer, new double barrel box culvert under IL 159, curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveways, and hot mix asphalt pavement. The construction on IL 159 has moved to Stage 2 and is scheduled to be completed in 2012.

Kristina Carlson has been heading up our construction observation services for IDOT District 9. Kristina has been providing these services on a multitude of projects on IL 13 between Harrisburg and Carbondale this summer. The projects included an overlay east of Marion to Harrisburg; add lane projects in the Marion area and new frontage road construction along IL 13 in Marion.

ESI also provided construction engineering for IDOT District 5 on I-72 and I-74 this summer. Ben Russo headed up our efforts on I-74 providing his services on the overlay of I-74 from US 51 to the Downs interchange. The I-72 project was also an overlay project near Monticello. Recent University of Illinois graduate, Wade Harlow, assisted District 5 personnel with observation



services on the project and he was assisted from time to time by John Powers, Ben Russo and Kent Williams throughout the summer in providing the services the District required.

Adam Groves headed up our construction engineering services this summer for the City of Champaign on their annual Concrete Streets Program. The projects ranged from patching on Plymouth and Marketview to complete reconstruction projects on Research, Curtis Meadow and North. Adam was assisted by John Powers, Paula Estock and Eastern Illinois summer intern Jarod Barber.

Joe Hickox is currently leading our construction engineering services on Lyons Road for Vermilion County. The project is a complete reconstruction through the Village of Belgium. This half mile long project includes the construction of new storm sewer, curb and gutter, and hot mix asphalt pavement. This portion of the work will be followed by ditch cleaning and hot mix asphalt overly contracts on Lyons Road from Belgium to Catlin.

winter shut down and restarting of the systems in the spring. The US Forest Service was pleased to have this information consolidated for each site in order to improve operations and maintenance.

We also completed development of a set of construction documents for repairs to the roadways and sidewalks for the Danville Veterans Administration Health Center Campus in Danville.

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## Making a Federal Case

The downturn in the economy has forced engineering firms to look to markets that they traditionally have not explored in order to find new work. Many firms have been reluctant to venture into the federal marketplace due to the daunting challenges that this work has been perceived to create. ESI has been up to the challenge of navigating into federal work and the results have been worthwhile. Beginning with our work in 2010 as a subconsultant for site work at Fermi Lab, ESI has steadily grown our involvement with federal work with three different projects in 2011.

Earlier in the year we completed a nine month project to conduct system condition surveys and develop operations and maintenance manuals for the water and waste water systems at nine different sites in the Shawnee (Illinois), Hoosier (Indiana) and Wayne (Ohio) National Forests for the US Forest Service. The project also included developing procedures for

## ESI In the Community

### Tailgating...U of I Style!



It was another great season for tailgating at the Illinois Football home games. The weather cooperated every week with anywhere from 20 to 35 clients, friends and staff joining for each game. Our big event was the Northwestern game this year where we had well over 120 people join us! For this game Millennia Professional Services from Morton, IL, and the Association of General Contractors in Illinois joined our regular group. All had a great time and of course we toasted an ILLINI VICTORY with our traditional Apple Pie brew--just like your Grandmother makes!

Go Illini and be sure to stop by and see us next year!

### 6th Annual Kane County Cougars Outing



Fun was had by all at ESI's 6th Annual Kane County Cougars Outing this year. An exciting game, outstanding weather and fireworks display were the perfect backdrop for the evening. Over 300 employees, clients, business associates, friends and their families joined in watching a Cougars victory as the summer began to wind down.



### Leader of the Pack

ESI Consultants continues to support the communities where we live. Joe Chiczewski recently participated in helping St. Celestine's Cub Scout Pack 690, Elmwood Park, Webelos Dens 2 and 3 achieve the Engineering Activity Badge. This brought back some fun memories since this is the same School and Pack that Joe is an alumni of just a few short years ago (ok, maybe not so short). The Scouts were quick learners and readily engaged in discussions. There may even be a few future engineers in this picture!



### Making a Federal Case

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The project involves patching and resurfacing of the roadways, drainage improvements and ADA Ramp installations for the sidewalks.

We also completed a study and are currently working on completion of the design plans for a bridge replacement over Big Creek in the Shawnee National Forest. The new 94 foot long steel structure will bring the bridge geometrics and hydraulics within standards without impacting the natural forest setting. We are truly making our Federal case!