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A Message from Joe...

It is difficult to believe that almost four years have passed since we started K-Plus Engineering, Ltd.

It is humbling to see the successes we have enjoyed with our clients and staff, having grown to a company with over 20 employees in three locations.

I was asked the other day if "I was proud of what we have accomplished." I had not fully considered it until then. I quickly responded that "proud" does not really describe where we are, but, if I am pleased with anything, it would be *who* we are because we have a great team of people. I realize I may be a bit biased, but I do believe that we have the best team of professionals who are sincerely dedicated to our clients, our company values and to each other.

Our brochure states *K-Plus Engineering, Ltd. is dedicated to enhancing our client's business through quality professional planning, design, and construction engineering*

services. We endeavor to maintain integrity in relations with our clients, employees and business partners. We engage applying technologies for our clients' benefit with high quality service, and provide excellence in all we do.

All of this is true. But ultimately, whether we deliver on this mission or not, is up to us. In any level of success that we have, we must put our people first (associates, partners and clients). If not, then we have missed the point completely.

This is our inaugural newsletter. I hope you find it a useful means of communication. I thank you for considering us for your engineering and consulting needs. And, I hope as we work together in the future, you realize that the K-Plus Engineering team values you and your staff as well.



Please note our new Charleston information listed below. Effective 9/1/2006.

K-Plus welcomes Jim Shaw, Sylvan Popovici, Dave Doffin, Adam Groves, Kristin Kutay, Kevin VanDeWoestyne, and Dan Feuerborn to our team.

Visit our website for current project information, K-Plus services and additional opportunities.

Charleston Office...



Picture of new K+ Engineering Charleston office.

In April 2006 our Charleston Branch Office celebrated their one year anniversary and just recently moved into a new office space on September 1, 2006. It is located in the Northwest Business Park at:

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The Charleston Office has consistently been expanding our services and Dave Clark, P.E., Branch Manager, has been diligently and successfully developing a broad client base throughout downstate Illinois.

The Charleston Office completed its first project earlier this year. The project was a site-design/permit project for Dunn's Towing. The owner Jim Dunn is in the process of moving the towing business to a new site on IL Rt. 130 in Charleston. Another current contract is a Various-Variou Design project in association with Lin Engineering for IDOT District 6.

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Charleston Office continued...

The first project associated with this contract is a roadway/bridge in Montgomery County on IL Rt. 127 over Bearcat Creek. K-Plus Engineering will complete the roadway design, temporary signals and handling of the maintenance of traffic for the project.

In March of this year the Charleston Office was awarded the *Catlin Alternative Corridor Feasibility Study* through the Danville Area Transportation Study (DATS). This project is nearing completion and the final report will be submitted soon. The study evaluates existing routes, interim improvements that could be made to the existing system and analyzes new corridors that would help improve access to needed service in and around the Danville area.

Another client is the Coles County Highway Department where our Charleston office is currently designing three township bridges and the associated roadway improvements.

We have also been working closely with the City of Charleston, Illinois and

will soon begin work on the permitting to replace two aging 12" water lines which supply water to all of Charleston.

The Charleston Office has also recently added a structural component to the services we provide. **Dan Feuerborn, P.E., S.E.** joined the K-Plus Engineering, Ltd. Charleston Office on October 1 and has quickly started work on several ongoing projects.

The Charleston Office is continuing to look at their expansion needs. The new office space is already in place and will continue to look at additional staffing needs that go hand-in-hand with the increasing capabilities. Areas such as; transportation, structural, municipal review, storm water, hydraulics and site development engineering are all part of our expanding list of services in downstate Illinois.



Summer Activities...



Amidst the long working hours, golf outings and political fundraisers this summer, K-Plus Engineering found time to host an event at the Kane County Cougars game. On August 24th, nearly 100 K-Plus Engineering employees, guests, and their families gathered to enjoy an evening with the Kane County Cougars.

The threat of terrible weather that day had us worried but the skies cleared and the game went on as planned! The abnormally long game versus the Burlington Bees allowed everyone even more time to enjoy good food, drinks and the opportunity to socialize outside the day to day hectic work environment!



Although the Kane County Cougars lost, the evening was a success. The feedback was positive and we are hoping to turn this into an annual event. Thank you to all who joined us!

What's New...



Picture of Wacker Drive Riverwalk – Wabash Plaza

K-Plus Engineering, Ltd. performed Construction Engineering on the Wacker Drive Riverwalk—Wabash Plaza, the New Vietnam Veterans Memorial, in Chicago, Illinois. Gregory Benske was the Resident Engineer of this successful, high-profile project which is dedicated to all of the Armed Forces who served in the Vietnam War. Mayor Richard M. Daley proudly dedicated this memorial on an emotional Veteran's Day, November 11, 2005.

This \$3.6 million project included typical elements of a structural project: remove existing concrete foundations, construct foundations, retaining walls, granite and limestone cladding, handicap ramps, water services, storm sewer improvements, lighting, landscaping, and the preservation of the existing adjacent historic limestone. However, the true importance of the project runs deeper than any foundation. It recognizes, appreciates, and preserves the sacrifices of the Illinois citizens who served in the Vietnam War.

Work included installation of granite pavers to create the main lower level plaza

and installation of limestone and granite cladding on all exposed vertical concrete elements. New ornamental railing was installed on the dockwall. Lighting was provided throughout the project including all stairs and ramps. Lighting accentuated the flagpoles, medallions, fountain, plaques, waterfall, and the namebar.

This project replaces the former memorial and reflecting pool located on Wacker Drive that had been dedicated by Mayor Jane M. Byrne on November 11, 1982. The inscribed stones from that memorial were incorporated in this plaza and a plaque from the Vietnamese Community of Illinois faces the original memorial location. The sculpture of the Vietnam Service Medal in the waterwall commemorates Vietnam Veterans who served their country and the people of South Vietnam.

Unlike other construction projects, Wacker Drive Riverwalk—Wabash Plaza, the New Vietnam Veterans Memorial, will continually be celebrated by the young and old for many years to come.



Another view of the finished Wacker Drive Riverwalk – Wabash Plaza

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