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ESI and Yargus - Teaming Up Nationwide



ESI Consultants, Ltd. is working with Yargus Manufacturing on the design of a variety of support structures and foundations for their conveyors, blenders, hoppers and tanks, which support up to 250 tons of material. These systems handle a variety of products including: dry bulk fertilizer, bulk powder, salt, sand, plastics and animal feed. ESI has designed these structures for the high wind pressures of Louisiana and the high seismic loads of California. Other installation locations include Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, North Dakota, Texas and Canada. ESI provides structural analysis and structural design services and obtains the necessary state licensure quickly through an NCEES record.

A Message from Joe...

The calendar says it is spring even if the weather refuses to cooperate. As it turns out, having recently celebrated our Company's 10 Year Anniversary, this is actually our eleventh spring in business. I've been reviewing some of our earliest projects and materials and feel blessed to have enjoyed the opportunities to work with so many people over these years – our staff, clients, business partners and associates. While no company is perfect, it's great to know that so many of us have been with ESI from the earliest of beginnings (7 of our first 10 employees are still associated with us 10 years later).

We had a lot of fun at our Company Employee 10 Year Anniversary Party. It was certainly fun to reminisce about working from my home den, then expanding to include my dining room for filing, then the living room, then getting the strong suggestion that perhaps we should move to a real office. Then when

our original Naperville office became so tight for room, I had to give up my desk and move back to working from home. We are still in that same building in Naperville, but the office space is down the hall and larger. We've expanded further, with offices in Chicago and Charleston too. Occasionally I am asked if I am proud of the company that I founded. I consistently answer that I have no reason to be proud, since any success is certainly a God given blessing. Any success we have is truly a result of the great folks I have the privilege of working with.

I recall as a freshman at the University of Illinois seeing a "Chinese curse" (at least that is who it was attributed to) in the library. It's a saying that many of you may be familiar with - "May you live in interesting times". Of course, like most of you, we have been through

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7th Annual Kane County Cougars Outing

This year's 7th Annual Kane County Cougars Outing was a success in more ways than one. Not only did we have an excellent night for baseball and fireworks, but it was an excellent night to show support for a very worthy cause. Over \$2,000.00 was raised for the Illinois Special Olympics at this year's event. ESI also donated over 500 sports water bottles to the organization. A big "Thank You" to everyone who came out!!



Message from Joe

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some interesting times – from the challenges of the start up of a new company to one of the worse economic cycles in a lifetime, yet we move forward.

Back then I did not understand how this could be a curse. At that time, “interesting” to me sounded like pure fun and opportunity. I certainly have a better appreciation for that “curse” now – from the challenges of building a company, to the challenges of raising a family, and of simply striving to be a better person, interesting times can often bring about uncertainty and added pressure and tension.

Today, at least in part, because of the interesting times that we have been through, from canceled and delayed projects to awarding winning projects, we are better because of that. If I am able to write a brief note in our newsletter 10 years from now, I will again be so grateful. Thank you for the opportunity to share these brief thoughts about our 10 Year Anniversary and for being a part of it along the way.

I hope you find our newsletter worth reading – and if so please pass along a friendly comment to one of our staff.

Yours Truly,



ESI is Constructing Illinois!

Owners of the state’s infrastructure systems are looking more to consulting engineering firms to provide expertise in managing the construction of their improvements. As one of ESI’s core services, our construction management professionals have literally been in every corner of the State this year providing these important services to our clients. From Rockford to Chicago, and Danville to Carbondale, we have provided our clients construction phase services on a variety of proj-



ects such as; bridges and roadways, to water mains and pump stations.

These efforts range from full time resident engineering and observation services, to providing periodic expertise and documentation services for our clients. More importantly, our clients have been extremely pleased with the level and quality of ESI’s staff and services. This is evident by the fact that over half of the projects are for clients we previously worked with. 2013 looks equally promising with repeat assignments with the City of Champaign, Chicago DOT, and the Village of Long Grove; and continuing assignments with the Tollway and IDOT in Collinsville and Rockford. ESI’s growing construction staff continues to help Illinois rebuild its infrastructure.

Assistance for Disadvantaged Businesses

ESI Consultants has been contracted by the Illinois Department of Transportation to offer technical assistance to disadvantaged businesses throughout Illinois.

The Bureau of Small Business Entities administers the federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program to ensure external Equal Employment Opportunity, on-the-job training, and labor contract requirements are met. The goal of IDOT’s Supportive Services Program is to provide assistance to foster opportunities for DBE firms, and minority and female individuals to participate in IDOT’s transportation-related contracts. These services are provided at no charge to IDOT Certified DBE firms trying to become IDOT DBE certified.

Vice Presidents Kevin Hayes

and Dave Clark, along with Phil Tegeler and Dan White, have provided the bulk of the technical services over the last several years. Technical Assistance consists of providing training and assistance in estimating, bidding, negotiations, reading specifications and plans, developing production schedules, preparing required reporting forms and documentation, and many other technical tasks.

Details on this worth-while program can be found by going to www.dot.il.gov/sbe/ssassistance.html.



ESI In the Community

U of I spirit runs deep here at ESI. And we do mean DEEP. What started out as a couple of devoted U of I fans tailgating at every home game, has turned into a regular football season event that both ESI clients and employees look forward to.

The founder of these tailgating parties is ESI’s Vice President in the Charleston Office, Dave Clark. Dave, a U of I Alum, and his wife, Jeanette, a WIU Alum and avid U of I fan, have been regular tailgaters at home games for the last 33 years straight. “The early years were just the two of us and a cooler,” says Dave. “Once a year, we’d have a group of ten or so.” Since then, the event has gained such popularity that they have had to expand their operation. From a few lawn chairs in the beginning, to a tent, then two tents, then three tents, and now a trailer to haul all the necessary tailgating supplies! What started as a family event has grown into a much larger extended family.

“Loyal ILLINI fans we have met over the years, just know we will be there,” says Dave. “They-stop, bring food and join in the festivities. We have seen groups of well over 130 people.”

Planning begins early in the season. Before each game, the plan starts coming to reality on Wednesdays. Collecting all the needed food and drink items, and organizing the trailer so they are ready to pull out of the driveway before sunrise on Saturday.

Menus range from the simple burgers and brats, to Mexican and Italian. They have had breakfast, lunch, dinner and sometimes all three! “We try to switch it up and do things out of the normal,” recalls Dave. “Probably the most unique thing we’ve had were the Bacon-Maple-Rum cupcakes. Believe it or not they were FANTastic!” Of course the most popular thing of all is the homemade “Apple Pie” that is used to toast and cheer on the ILLINI to win before every game! But, be careful and pace yourself, or you may not be standing upright for long. One thing for sure, the food and drink will be plentiful, and there will be lots of ILLINI fellowship.

Know we are always there and you are always welcome to join us at the northwest corner of First and Kirby. Come early. Stay late. And take in the entire event!

GO ILLINI!

