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PDC Welcomes M&A to Growing Team in Juneau

Juneau, AK – October 1, 2016 – PDC Inc. Engineers (PDC) welcomes Murray & Associates Consulting Mechanical Engineers (M&A) to their growing team in Juneau. PDC's Juneau office staff now exceeds 20 professionals offering in-house civil, structural, mechanical, and geotechnical engineering; as well as land survey and materials testing services. M&A owner Douglas Murray will maintain his leadership position as a Principal at PDC, while their full staff will continue in their same capacity. Doug Murray has provided mechanical engineering in Southeast since the 1980s.

Though PDC has successfully teamed with M&A numerous times in the past, this is the story of a common employee that led to the two companies joining forces. Danny Rauchenstein was a young Engineer-In-Training (EIT) in 1998, having recently graduated from the University of Alaska Fairbanks with his mechanical engineering degree. He was living in Talkeetna with his soon-to-be-bride when his college professor called asking if Danny was looking for work. His professor helped coordinate a meeting with Doug Murray (a UAF Alumni) at the Anchorage Airport that very weekend. Rauchenstein had received an offer from a Fairbanks firm, but Danny saw more promise in Southeast Alaska – so he moved to Juneau.

It was working for M&A that Rauchenstein found his passion when he discovered building mechanical systems design, which includes HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning), plumbing, and fire suppression. Rauchenstein thrived under the leadership of Vern Akin and Doug Murray until his wife took a job in Anchorage in 2001. Upon relocating, Rauchenstein joined the PDC team. Last year he was promoted to Mechanical Department Head. The acquisition of M&A now brings the PDC Mechanical Department staff to 20 employees across the state.

Over the past three years alone, PDC and M&A have jointly completed design and construction administration services for several notable projects. These include the recently constructed UAS Freshmen Dormitory; the Walter Soboleff Center (aka the Sealaska Heritage Institute Southeast Alaska Native Cultural and Visitor's Center); as well as the U.S. Forest Service's Pacific Northwest Research Station, Juneau Forestry Sciences Lab (completed as a design/build project). The newly expanded team will continue to build on their solid working relationship to benefit the community and their clients. The design staff is excited about the opportunity and both companies look forward to working together.

PDC is a full-service engineering, planning, and survey firm with offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, Palmer, and Soldotna. To learn more about this 100-percent employee-owned, award winning firm, visit www.pdceng.com. ❖

AELS Board Posts Two Vacancies

The Alaska Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors is seeking applications for the following Board seats:

- **Public Member** – *Vacant*
- **Electrical PE** – *Appointment in March 2017*

If you or someone you know meets the requirements and is interested in a seat, please contact Lindy Irwin with Boards and Commissions at 907-269-7450 or lindy.irwin@alaska.gov

The qualifications are outlined in Alaska Statutes Sec. 08.48.31 included below:

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ASID Wine & Design Event is Friday, October 7

ASID Alaska Chapter's big social and fundraising event, Wine and Design, is Friday, October 7. Tickets are selling fast:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2016-wine-design-tickets-26890393892>.

AELS Board Posts Two Vacancies

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Sec. 08.48.011. Board created. (a) There is created the State Board of Registration for Architects, Engineers, and Land Surveyors. The board shall administer the provisions of this chapter and comply with AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act).

(b) The board consists of 10 members appointed by the governor having the qualifications as set out in AS 08.48.031. The board consists of two civil engineers, two land surveyors, one mining engineer, one electrical or mechanical engineer, one engineer from another branch of the profession of engineering, two architects, and one public member.

(c) Notwithstanding (b) of this section, if a mining engineer who qualifies for appointment to the board and is interested in serving on the board is not available, the governor may appoint a petroleum or chemical engineer to the seat designated for a mining engineer.

Sec. 08.48.021. Appointments and terms. (a) The governor shall give each member of the board a certificate of appointment, and the member shall file with the lieutenant governor a written oath or affirmation for faithful discharge of the member's official duty.

(b) *Repealed 1987*

(c) For purposes of determining appointments and terms under AS 08.01.035, notwithstanding the reference in that section relating to eligibility for reappointment after serving a full or partial term,

(1) a member who has served all of two successive terms on the board may not be reappointed to the board unless four years have elapsed since the person last served on the board; and

(2) for purposes of (1) of this subsection, a person who serves for two years or more of a four-year

term is considered to have served a full term.

Sec. 08.48.031. Qualifications. Each member of the board must have been a resident in the state for three consecutive years immediately preceding appointment and, except for the public member, must be registered and have a minimum of five years of professional practice in the member's respective field.

Sec. 08.48.041. Removal of members. The governor may remove a member of the board for misconduct, incompetency, or neglect of duty.

Sec. 08.48.051. Organization and meetings. The board shall hold at least four regular meetings each year. Special meetings may be held as the bylaws of the board provide.

The board shall elect or appoint annually from its members the following officers: chair, vice-chair, and secretary. ❖



Sunday, November 6, 2016
Clocks turn backward 1 hour at
2:00 AM to become 1:00 AM
Alaska Standard Time
Enjoy the 'extra' hour!



Koorosch Olyai, PE
Senior Principal, ATMS

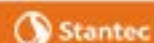
If self-driving vehicles or Smart Cities seems futuristic to you, think again.

This November, Koorosch Olyai PE, an international authority on Intelligent Transportation Systems, will be hosting a workshop in Anchorage on how transportation and technology are coming together in exciting new ways.

Come learn what Koorosch has been working on at Stantec and how these innovations can help tackle some of our greatest transportation challenges in Alaska. Join in a discussion that will include information on upcoming Federal funding to help communities deploy these solutions.

Space will be limited. If you are interested in participation please email riley.bronga@stantec.com to receive more information.

www.stantec.com



Golder Proudly Announces

Nick Moran, PE, Will Lead ASCE Younger Members

Anchorage, AK – Golder Associates Inc. proudly announces that Nick Moran, PE will serve as the 2016-2017 President of American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Younger Member Forum. Nick was born and raised in Alaska, and has been a member of ASCE since 2010.

He has been employed with Golder since May 2014 and is a project geotechnical engineer with a BS in Civil Engineering from the University of Portland in Portland, OR, and is pursuing his MSCE degree through the Missouri University of Science and Technology.

Nick has five years of experience providing project support for geotechnical investigations throughout the state of Alaska. Nick enjoys spending his free time exploring Alaska with friends and family, and participates in several adult sports leagues in Anchorage. ❖



UAA Sponsors Professional Development Seminars

The UAA College of Engineering kicked off its Professional Development Seminar series for the fall semester 2016 on Friday, September 9. The series continues into December.

As in the past, the seminars will held in the Engineering and Industry Building (EIB, room 211) on Fridays between 11:45 am and 12:45 pm. Parking is still free on Fridays!

For more information and a calendar of topics, visit: <https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-engineering/community/seminars.cshtml>

As in the past, Professional Development Hours (PDH's) will be available to seminar attendees.

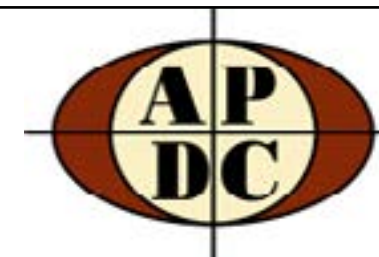
New this semester, the seminars will be distance-delivered via Google Hangout.

Aaron Dotson is on sabbatical this semester so the series will be

managed by Tom Ravens (tmravens@alaska.edu) with assistance from Dana Collins (dacollins@alaska.edu).

New this semester, we will be broadening the scope of the seminars to include all of our engineering disciplines as well as computer science and geomatics.

There are still some open slots, so if you would like to be a presenter or if you have a suggestion for a presenter, let me know. If you have a suggestion for someone to add to the mailing list or if you would like to be removed from the list, contact Tom Ravens (tmravens@alaska.edu). ❖



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Help Wanted: PLS in Palmer

At TerraSond we are explorers dedicated to integrity, excellence and service. We help our clients navigate safely, build effectively and find things whether lost or undiscovered. Our team include surveyors, geophysicists, geologists, hydrographers, oceanographers, cartographers, and GIS specialists. No professional services organization is prouder of its team and now is excellent time to join. Our highly motivated staff works closely together to deliver high quality results to our diverse client base and your experience will support our mission to achieve our high standards.

Position Offered:

Exciting growth opportunity for a Project Manager/or RPLS to ensure the preparation of accurate, complete and value added survey work products that consistently meet clients' project goals. This position is responsible for directing surveys and mapping projects from field to finish within required time frames, budgets and contract requirements. He or she verifies the quality and accuracy of collected data, and supervises the preparation of all data, charts, plots, maps, progress sketches, records, documents and deliverables related to the survey.

Essential Functions:

Responsibilities will include but not limited to the following:

- Analyzes survey objectives and specifications in order to prepare survey proposals.
- Assists with proposal preparation, project management, and final quality control for all surveys prepared.
- Monitors projects from initiation through delivery to include planning, organizing, and directing survey projects; schedule project in logical steps and budget time using resources required to meet deadlines and profitability targets and interfacing with clients on technical matters.
- Works directly with project team members that includes scheduling of field crews activity and coordinating equipment.
- Negotiates, reviews and implements contracts and subcontracts.
- Writes operation reports, maintains logs and updates records.
- Responsible for survey calculations,

analysis and final map checking, and client relations.

- Works within defined project scopes and budgets. Manages deadlines and prioritizes assignments.
- Verifies the accuracy of field survey data, including measurements and calculations conducted at survey sites.
- Approves data, charts, plots, maps, records, and documents related to surveys.
- Works with survey team and cartographers/drafters for final product
- Reviews and processes the results of field surveys.

Education/Experience:

- 5+ years survey experience.
- Bachelor's Degree in Geomatics, Cartography, Geography, Natural Sciences, Engineering or other relevant discipline preferred.

Skills and Special Requirements/Licensing:

- Prefer registered RPLS in Alaska but would consider candidates who have this in progress or planned
- Excellent cooperative skills in working efficiently with a team, training, coordinating, and leading others in accomplishing work activities.
- Excellent time management skills; thorough understanding of task assignment and schedule, budgeting, and efficient use of time and resources.
- Requires advanced knowledge of codes, surveying principles, techniques and procedures, occupational hazards and safety precautions.
- Working knowledge of relevant technical software
- Working knowledge of field instrumentation
- Proficient in Microsoft Outlook, Word and Excel.
- Uses effective written and verbal communication skills.
- Demonstrates complete understanding of project requirements, including budget, regulatory requirements, and project submittal.

• Marine construction experience preferred but not required

- Merchant Marine Physical
- Valid Driver's license with DOT endorsement
- Ability to procure a passport.
- Must be able to travel and work in other cities.
- Must be able to work in inclement weather in Alaska.
- Ability and willingness to perform work in both the field and office settings.

Working Conditions:

Work is performed in a combination of an office and a field environment. Field work is performed outdoors and may take place in inclement weather and extreme temperatures. Survey work may require working at sea for extended periods of time and may require living and working in close, cramped quarters. Both field and office work requires occasional heavy lifting of survey equipment. Responsibilities may require an adjusted work schedule, long days, and evening/weekend hours in order to meet deadlines.

To apply, please go to www.terrasond.com careers and complete a job application.

If you require an accommodation to complete the application please contact TerraSond's HR department at (907) 745-7215 x 147.

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★ Institute of Transportation Engineers – Alaska Section ★

5TH ANNUAL

BEER & WINE TASTING

Saturday, November 12, 2016
6pm – 9pm
@ the Gateway Hall at the Alaska Zoo

Dress: cocktail, but jeans are fine too. Just please wear clothes!

Scholarship Fundraiser Silent Auction



All proceeds benefit engineering student scholarships. A 21+ event

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Tickets Available: ITE's 5th Annual Beer & Wine Tasting Silent Auction

ITE's 5th annual Beer & Wine Tasting Silent Auction Scholarship Fundraiser is on Saturday, November 12th at the Gateway Hall at the Alaska Zoo. ALL proceeds from this awesomely fun event go to college engineering student scholarships. This is a 21+ event.

Tickets are \$50/person. Purchase 6 or more tickets and your company logo will be displayed. The event features beer, wine, hearty appetizers, and desserts; live music by Hot Club of Nunaka; and great auction items!

The success of this event is not possible without the support of the local engineering community! For tickets or to help by donating an item to the silent auction, please contact Erica Jensen, ITE Alaska Section President, at EJensen@crweng.com. ❖

51st Annual ASMC: Centuries Charting Change

The 51st Annual Alaska Surveying & Mapping Conference (ASMC) will be February 13 – 17, 2017, at the Hilton Anchorage Hotel. This year's theme is "Centuries Charting Change" as we celebrate the sesquicentennial purchase of Alaska from Russia in 1867 and 100 years of the Alaska Railroad. The conference is the only training opportunity of its type in Alaska, providing 5 consecutive days of training and presentations that share best practices and opportunities to get technical questions answered by local to international surveying and mapping professionals.

Monitor emerging details at www.aksmc.org. ❖

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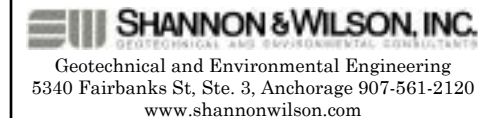
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Alaska Professional Design Council Calendar

Monday, October 3, 2016

ASPE Fairbanks, Noon, WestMark Hotel (1st Mon)

Tuesday, October 4, 2016

ITE Alaska Anchorage Chapter, Noon, BP Energy Center (1st Tues except June, July & August)

Thursday, October 6, 2016

ASPE Anchorage Directors, 7 a.m., McDonald's, 800 W Northern Lights Blvd. (1st Thurs)

APDC, Noon, CRW Engineers and via tele-conference (1st Thurs)

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

ACEC Board, 4:00 p.m., PDC, Inc., Anchorage (2nd Tues)

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

ASCE Juneau Branch and ASPE Juneau Chapter jointly hold membership meetings at Noon at the AEL&P 2nd Floor Conference Room from September through May (2nd Wed)

ASLA Alaska Board, 12:10 p.m. in the URS 3rd floor conference room (2nd Wed)

ITE Alaska Fairbanks Chapter, Noon, DOT McKinley Building (2nd Wed except June, July & August)

Thursday, October 13, 2016

ASPE Anchorage, Noon, BP Energy Center (2nd Thurs)

Tuesday, October 18, 2016

ASCE Anchorage, Noon, Moose Lodge on Arctic Blvd. (3rd Tues)

ASPLS Anchorage, Noon, BP Energy Center (3rd Tues with even months at Noon at the BP Energy Center and odd months at 5:30pm at Lone Star)

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

ASCE Mat-Su Branch, Noon at the Mat-Su College (Mile 2 Trunk Road) in Room FSM 206 (3rd Wed)

ASCE Fairbanks, Noon, WestMark (3rd Wed)

Thursday, October 20, 2016

Deadline for the September issue of *Alaska Designs* (20th of each month, or Monday)

Tuesday, October 25, 2016

ASPLS Fairbanks, Noon, WestMark Hotel (4th Tues)

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

ASPLS Valley, Noon, Windbreak, Wasilla (last Wed)

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

ITE Alaska Anchorage Chapter, Noon, BP Energy Center (1st Tues except June, July & August)

Thursday, November 3, 2016

ASPE Anchorage Directors, 7 a.m., McDonald's, 800 W Northern Lights Blvd. (1st Thurs)

APDC, Noon, Atwood Building 6th Floor, Anchorage (1st Thurs)

Monday, November 7, 2016

ASPE Fairbanks, Noon, WestMark Hotel (1st Mon)

Tuesday, November 8, 2016

ACEC Board, 4:00 p.m., PDC, Inc., Anchorage (2nd Tues)

Wednesday, November 9, 2016

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ASLA Alaska Board, 12:10 p.m. in the URS 3rd floor conference room (2nd Wed)

ITE Alaska Fairbanks Chapter, Noon, DOT McKinley Building (2nd Wed except June, July & August)

Thursday, November 10, 2016

ASPE Anchorage, Noon, BP Energy Center (2nd Thurs)

Tuesday, November 15, 2016

ASCE Anchorage, Noon, Moose Lodge on Arctic Blvd. (3rd Tues)

ASPLS Anchorage, 5:30pm, Lone Star (3rd Tues with even months at Noon at the BP Energy Center and odd months at 5:30pm at Lone Star)

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

SEAAK Noon, BP Energy Center, Regular meeting, program TBD (every other month, usually 2nd Wed)

ASCE Fairbanks, Noon, WestMark (3rd Wed)

ASCE Mat-Su Branch, Noon at the Mat-Su College (Mile 2 Trunk Road) in Room FSM 206 (3rd Wed)

Monday, November 21, 2016

Deadline for the October issue of *Alaska Designs* (20th of each month, or Monday)

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

ASPLS Fairbanks, Noon, WestMark Hotel (4th Tues)

Wednesday, November 30, 2016

ASPLS Valley, Noon, Windbreak, Wasilla (last Wed)

Send calendar notices/updates by the 20th of each month to Vicky Sterling, sterlingtouch@gci.net.

When and Where

Always check locally to confirm meeting times and locations. Some organizations suspend or reschedule meetings in summer months. The newsletter publication calendar generally does not allow time to include holiday and last-minute schedule changes.



Alaska Designs welcomes articles and letters on subjects of interest to design professionals. The deadline is the 20th of each month for the following month's issue. Items may be edited for length or content and will be published as space is available. Submit items to the editor, Vicky Sterling, via email at sterlingtouch@gci.net and expect confirmation of receipt.