Subject: 2013 USACE Architect, Interior Designer, and Landscape Architect of the Year Awardees

Applicability: Information

1. This ECB announces the awardees of the USACE Architect, Interior Designer, and Landscape Architect of the Year Awards. This year’s awardees were selected from nominations submitted by our districts, MSCs, Centers and ERDC. The selection criteria were as follows.
   
   a. **Performance and Recognition:** Includes awards, performance ratings, positions, and honors received in the last three years.

   b. **Specific Contributions:** Includes design excellence, continuing education efforts, partnering experience, and service to customers.

   c. **Leadership:** Includes mentorship, teaching, and/or participation as a sponsor or advisor in the career development of others.

   d. **Professional Contributions:** Includes membership and participation in professional societies, teaching, publication writing, and guest speaking.

   e. **Community:** Activities outside USACE that demonstrate community support.

2. The 2013 USACE Architect of the Year is **Mr. James T. Clark, RA** of our Huntsville Center. Mr. Clark made significant contributions as the HNC Center of Standardization Program technical lead and Facility Engineering Lead for Child Development Centers, Physical Fitness Facilities and Directorate of Emergency Services Facilities. Mr. Clark developed the specifications and technical evaluation processes for Barrack’s Furnishing Acquisition. Mr. Clark is recognized for his mentorship and development of high school and college students starting their careers in architecture; and his numerous contributions to the community including his work with the City of Decatur, AL and promotion of events for the local chapter of the American Institute of Architects and other local training.

3. The 2013 USACE Interior Designer of the year is **Ms. Allyson W. Walters, NCIDQ** of our Ft. Worth District. Ms. Walters leadership, professionalism, voluntary efforts not only assisting the Corps of Engineers in the execution of their mission, but also contributes greatly to improving our communities. Her expertise in interior design has not only resulted in saving the Fort Worth District thousands of dollars in facility maintenance cost, but also assists the Corps in solving difficult Furniture, Fixture and Equipment procurement problems. Her efforts reaching out to small businesses, junior employees and her alma mater has paved the way for next
generation of interior designers in the Corps of Engineers. She is a dedication professional, and citizen volunteering her time to several causes in the local Fort Worth Area.

4. The 2013 USACE Landscape Architect of the Year is Ms. Renee C. McGarvey, LLA of our St. Paul District. Ms. McGarvey serves as a senior-level designer in the Civil-Site Section for the St Paul District’s Design Branch. Her wide range of design, communication, and coordination skills enable her to perform many roles within Design Branch and the District as a whole. She has filled technical leadership roles on two of the largest and highest profile projects in the District in recent years; the Devils Lake Flood Damage Reduction Project and the Fargo-Moorhead Flood Damage Reduction Project. Her diligent work and professionalism has demonstrated excellence in support of many of the District’s projects and has gained recognition and respect for the practice of Landscape Architecture.

5. My congratulations to this year’s awardees! Your contributions, leadership, and dedication reflect greatly on your districts, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and our profession.

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