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**Subject:** USACE New Faces of Engineering and USACE Federal Engineer of the Year Award Winners for 2009

**Applicability:** Information

1. **PURPOSE:** This Engineering and Construction Bulletin (ECB) highlights the winner of the USACE Federal Engineer of the Year Award (FEYA) for 2009 and the top five USACE winners for the New Faces in Engineering Awards for 2009..
2. The 2009 FEYA winner in USACE is Dr. Kirankumar V. Topudurti, Deputy Director of ERDC's Construction and Engineering Research Laboratory. This prestigious award celebrates the academic, professional, engineering, leadership and civic accomplishments of a Federal Agency's top engineering nominee. The nomination package for Dr. Topudurti highlights his impressive engineering accomplishments, as well as contributions and leadership in the academic, research, professional and civic areas. His accomplishments in innovative hazardous waste technologies are broadly recognized and greatly enhance USACE's ability to carry out its mission.
3. The top New Face in Engineering for USACE in 2009 is Mr. Timothy A. Ernster serving as an engineer manager in GRD's Central District. Tim is managing electrical distribution projects in East Baghdad and a Training Center project for the Iraq Ministry of Electricity. He is making large and lasting contributions to the overall success of the reconstruction mission in Iraq. The other top New Faces in Engineering for USACE in 2009 include Ms. Erin Duffy of Jacksonville District who is coordinating construction on the complex and sensitive Kissimmee River Restoration project; Ms. Carmen Noltemeyer-Williams of Louisville District who is leading complex geotechnical engineering analyses of dams and levees; Mr. Steven Kyle McKay of ERDC's Environmental Lab who is supporting USACE's ecosystem restoration mission; and Ms. Elizabeth Burg of ERDC's Coastal and Hydraulics Lab who is now serving in Iraq. In addition to accomplishments in their engineering profession, each of these top New Faces is actively contributing to their community in a variety of ways. Each is an outstanding example of BUILDING STRONG for the engineering profession, the Corps, the Army, and the Nation.
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