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Subject: USACE National Construction Awards Winners– Hard Hat of the Year and Construction Management Excellence Award for 2009

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1. **PURPOSE:** This Engineering and Construction Bulletin (ECB) announces winners of the 2009 USACE Hard Hat of the Year (HHY) Award and the 2009 USACE Construction Management Excellence (CME) Award.

2. The 2009 USACE Hard Hat of the Year is Mr. Charles Truesdell of North Atlantic Division's Europe District. This prestigious award celebrates the year's most outstanding USACE Construction field office team member. Charlie is a quality assurance representative in the Turkey Resident Office. The nomination describes how Charlie has been "the office's rock, as a champion of the Corps' systems, who promotes quality and partnering on an everyday basis, through his attitude and actions". Charlie works in an exceptionally challenging environment and has a special approach to bring out the best in people, share his knowledge of the Quality Management Process and motivate workers to be innovative in producing quality construction. His leadership, attitude, dedication, ability to focus on solutions, and relationships -- all combine to create a wave of winning ways. We all can be very proud of Charlie Truesdell for representing the best of USACE as our Hard Hat of the Year for 2009.

3. Mr. Kirk Dailey, Area Engineer/Senior Construction Manager for the National Army Reserve Construction Program, is the 2009 national winner of the Construction Management Excellence Award. Kirk is a key part of Louisville District and the Lakes and Rivers Division. Kirk and his team achieved excellence in construction management and contract administration activities in executing nearly \$1 Billion of construction contracts located from Hawaii to Puerto Rico. Kirk's leadership in construction management activities resulted in FY08 placement totaling nearly \$300M of diverse projects across the Nation. A demanding customer and a demanding program combine to create plenty of construction management challenges, and Kirk's leadership was exceptional in providing full service construction management across this spectrum of projects, contracts and locations. Kirk's dedication and hard work have earned him the highest respect of colleagues, contractors and customers.

4. Charlie, Kirk, and each of the other nominees for these awards are outstanding examples of BUILDING STRONG for the engineering profession, the Corps, the Army, and the Nation. HQUSACE point of contact for this ECB is Jim Lovo, CECW-CE, 202-761-0995.

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