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SAME MISSION

"To promote and facilitate engineering support for national security by developing and enhancing relationships and competencies among uniformed services, public and private sector engineers, and related professionals"

SAME VISION

"To be a premier global engineering organization leading the professional and personal growth of all members in support of military readiness"

SAME LAKE MICHIGAN POST ELECTIONS

Call for SAME Lake Michigan Post Members to Vote

Please visit our website and vote for our slate of Officers and Board Members. Please feel free to include write in candidates.

Election will take place online, via fax, or in person from November 18th when the slate will be announced at our joint meeting through December 10th when we gather for our Holiday luncheon.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Come One Come All to the LMP Holiday Luncheon!

On December 10th, SAME Lake Michigan Post plans to have its annual holiday luncheon with the traditional white elephant gift exchange and Toys for Tots collection. Final votes on our slate of candidates for Officers and Board Members will be collected and tallied together with the online votes received until that date.

CAPT Jake Washington will present a "State of the Post" briefing to update our members on 2009 activities and how these will bring us closer to the Distinguished Post goal that we have set for ourselves a second year in a row.

Please join us for this social holiday event on Thursday, December 10th, 11:30 a.m., at the Highland Park Country Club.

ARRA FUNDING UPDATE LUNCH



The Chicago Building Congress in Cooperation with the Society of

American Military Engineers (S.A.M.E.)
Chicago and Lake Michigan Posts Presents



*WORKING WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO
EXPLORE ARRA POTENTIAL*

NOVEMBER 18, 2009, AT 11:30 A.M.
UNION LEAGUE CLUB
65 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60604

ARRA, The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act, is heard in the news but not well understood within our industry. Which government agencies are dispersing ARRA funds? What sorts of projects are available? And what is the process for participating in new programs?

As an example, GSA alone was appropriated \$5.5 billion under

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SAVE THE DATE

LAKE MICHIGAN POST GIFT EXCHANGE & TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION
DECEMBER 10, 2009
HIGHLAND PARK COUNTRY CLUB
PLEASE BRING A GIFT FOR THE TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION

SUSTAINING MEMBER OVERVIEW: TESTAMERICA



TestAmerica is the leading environmental testing firm in the United States with 37 laboratories and 29 service centers, including Midwest locations in IA, IL, IN, MN, MO, and OH. TestAmerica provides innovative technical expertise and comprehensive analytical testing services.

As of October 1, 2009, the DoD confirmed that TestAmerica was the first lab to receive DoD Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP). Laboratories seeking to perform testing in support of DoD Environmental Restoration (ER) programs must be accredited with the requirements of this program prior to providing testing support. TestAmerica has been an advocate for an accreditation program for years and

contributed many enhancements to the DoD Quality Services Manual (QSM) versions.

TestAmerica's laboratory in Savannah, Georgia was the first to be audited and subsequently accredited under the ELAP program. However, TestAmerica has twelve labs currently engaged in the audit and approval process for the USACE, Navy, and AFCEE, pursuing the new ELAP certification.

For more information, please go to www.testamericainc.com or directly contact:

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ARRA FUNDING UPDATE LUNCH (CONT'D)

ARRA to convert federal buildings into high-performance green buildings and build new energy-efficient federal buildings, courthouses, and upgrade land ports of entry.

In another case, the Army Corps of Engineers will receive \$1.4 billion in military construction funding, while Army, Air Force, and Department of Defense health facilities will be provided with \$3 billion for sustainment, restoration, and updates. The Navy has ambitious plans for facilities modernization.

Join us for lunch on November 18th to enjoy a CBC short course on ARRA, featuring a panel presentation by guest speakers from the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Government Services Administration. You'll leave the meeting much better informed about navigating the waters of ARRA and identifying potential projects to pursue.

Calendar of Events

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| 17-19 Nov 09 | SAME University, San Antonio, TX - www.same.org | 10 Dec 09 | Lake Michigan Post Gift Exchange & Toys for Tots Collection |
| 18 Nov 09 | SAME Chicago and Lake Michigan Post Joint meeting - Union League Club, in conjunction with Chicago Building Congress. \$30 government, \$40 member, \$50 non-member. Commander's briefings including NAVFAC, USACE Chicago District, USEPA or GSA from non-DoD sector. | 18 Dec 09 | Chicago Post presentation TBD & Toys for Tots Collection |
| 19 Nov 09 | SAME Board Meeting | | |
| 7-9 Dec 09 | SAME Small Business Conference for DOD Engineering, Construction and Environmental Programs Gaylord Hotel Grapevine, TX - www.same.org | | |
| 10 Dec 09 | 10am - SAME Board Meeting - Highland Park CC | | |

2011 SAME REGIONAL CONFERENCE - OCTOBER 4-6, 2011

Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Please consider joining the planning committee. For further details and volunteer information, please contact Co-Chair, Robert Soos at 847-276-3050 or RSoos@archdev.net



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