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LETTERS

Employees are invited to write letters of general interest on work-related topics. Anonymous letters will not be printed. We reserve the right to edit letters or not to accept letters for publication. Send your letters to the *Reach*, B3-30, or to *Hanford Reach on e-mail. Letters are limited to 300 words, and must include your name, company, work group and location. Opinions expressed are those of the author and not of DOE-RL, ORP or their contractors.

Who's in the photo?

Just a thought about the *Reach* —workers who appear in pictures are not always named (seems to be mostly crafts people).

I don't know what the policy is regarding this issue. Perhaps these "no-names" choose to remain anonymous.

I understand naming cannot always be done (with a large group, for instance), but it would be nice to name workers as much as possible (along with the managers, operators, etc.).

Don Quilici
Fluor Hanford

Editors' note: Whenever possible we do try to identify individuals in the photographs we run. At times, circumstances such as work situations or the protective clothing worn by workers, prevent us from identifying individuals.

BRAVO



CHG, CHI parent company wins SBA award

The U.S. Small Business Administration has presented CH2M HILL's small business program with the Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for excellence in procurement. CH2M HILL is the parent company of tank-farm contractor CH2M HILL Hanford Group, and Environmental Restoration Project subcontractor CH2M HILL Hanford, Inc.

The Eisenhower Award is SBA's highest honor for large companies that use small businesses as suppliers and subcontractors. CH2M HILL was recognized in the services category, one of four categories. Winners are selected based on extensive analysis and formal nomination from SBA as well as performance-trend data reflecting a growing percentage of small-disadvantaged and woman-owned firms selected as project-team members. SBA officials presented the award to Ralph Peterson, CH2M HILL chairman, president and chief executive officer, at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

"This is an extraordinary honor for us and it tops off an astounding year of recognition for our small business program," Peterson said. "My sincerest thanks go to our small-business liaison officers and their coordinators throughout the United States. Their hard work and dedication on numerous projects is what makes this program work for the optimum benefit of our clients." ♦

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American Red Cross holds blood drives this week

The American Red Cross will hold blood drives at the following locations. (Scheduling an appointment is recommended, but walk-ins are welcome.)

- Tuesday, June 5, 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m., ARC Mobile Unit in 2261 Stevens parking lot. Send an e-mail message or call Kelly Layfield at 376-6785 to make an appointment.
- Wednesday, June 6, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Federal Building, room 142. Call (800) 787-9691 for an appointment.

June 6 data-sharing forum open to all who maintain spatial data

The Hanford Site Spatial Data Council and the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Geospatial Information and Technology Association are co-sponsoring the Southeastern Washington Data Sharing Forum on June 6 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Federal Building Auditorium. The forum will discuss current data-sharing activities in southeastern Washington, and ways to improve geographic information data-sharing. The forum is free. If you are interested in speaking at this forum, please send your name, agency affiliation and a short paragraph describing your presentation. Presentations will be limited to 15 minutes, followed by a five-minute question and answer period. Register for the forum by calling Steven Rush at 376-4001 or sending e-mail to steven_f_rush@rl.gov.

June events at the Hanford Technical Library

The following events will take place in Room 101R at the Consolidated Information Center, Washington State University Tri-Cities campus.

- **Library Tour** — Thursday, June 7, 8:30 a.m. Take a tour and find out what services are available to you in the library and on your desktop.
- **How to Find Information on the Internet** — Thursday, June 14, noon. Learn how to tunnel through the mountains of information, and discover Internet sites that are useful for your day-to-day work.

The library staff is available for presentations at group meetings or brown-bag sessions. For more information, contact Mary Frances Lembo at 372-7441 or at mf.lembo@pnl.gov. Visit the library's Web site at <http://library.pnl.gov>. The Hanford Technical Library is a site service operated by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

Top DOE-RL and contractor managers to speak at NMA meeting

The Hanford Chapter of the National Management Association meeting on Wednesday, June 13, at the Red Lion Hotel in Richland will feature Keith Klein, manager of the Department of Energy Richland Operations Office; Lura Powell, director of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory; Michael Hughes, president of Bechtel Hanford, Inc.; and Keith Thomson, president of Fluor Hanford. Meeting check-in and social hour begin at 5 p.m. The business meeting will begin promptly at 5:45 p.m. There is no charge for chapter members. The cost is \$15 for chapter retirees and \$20 for guests. Call Lisa Hart at 376-3484 by Friday, June 8, to make your reservation.

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CONSYS 2001 scheduled for June 13

The local chapter of the Instrumentation, Systems and Automation Society will hold its annual exhibit and technical conference, CONSYS 2001, on June 13 at the Pasco DoubleTree Hotel from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free and lunch will be provided to attendees. Register online at www.isa.org, by selecting "Sections," then "Sections" again, and clicking on "Richland Section" and then "CONSYS 2001." For more information, contact Ward Feldmann at 371-3060.

DOE-REC Scholarship applications due June 15

The DOE-REC Scholarship Program offers scholarships to selected Department of Energy Richland Operations Office and Office of River Protection scholars. DOE-REC will award either one \$1,000 scholarship or two \$500 scholarships. In either case, the total scholarship dollars for any given year will not exceed \$1,000. Funds are intended to offset costs of tuition, books, fees or other miscellaneous expenses. The DOE-REC scholarship committee will base selections on applicant qualifications regarding leadership, academic achievement and financial need.

Contact Santos Ortega at 376-2083 for an application. Applicants must be DOE employees or their family members. Applications must be completed by June 15 and sent to DOE-REC; Greg Jones, President; P.O. Box 450; MS H6-60; Richland, WA 99352. Scholarship recipients will be selected by June 21.

Paws in the Park 2001 combined with RiverFest this summer

The Benton-Franklin Humane Society fund-raiser, "Paws in the Park," will take place Saturday, June 16, in Columbia Park. You can walk with your dog, walk with a friend or walk by yourself. Last year, several hundred people walked in the event and raised more than \$12,000 to support the Humane Society's services to the community. This year, the event is combined with the Volunteer Center's "RiverFest," which raises money for local non-profit agencies. If you're interested in participating in the pledge walk, call the Humane Society at 374-4235 for more information.

CHG employees to attend day-long safety awareness gathering

CH2M HILL Hanford Group is dedicating an entire day to "Communicate the Commitment 2001" to promote safety awareness and convey the priority the company places on safe work practices. From 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on June 29, CHG and subcontractor employees will take a day away from their normal work schedules to gather at Richland High School to participate in sessions on defensive driving, DuPont's "Safety Training Observation Program (STOP)," a VPP Hanford Squares game and a discussion led by senior staff on the CHG mission and new contract. A catered barbecue lunch will be provided. Visit the Communicate the Commitment 2001 Web site at <http://aptpfg03.rl.gov/cthec/index.htm> for more detailed information.

HAMMER's Learning Resource Center closed for holiday

The Learning Resource Center at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center will be closed for the Independence Day holiday on July 4 and 5. If you need safety material for the following week, please make your requests no later than Monday, July 2. For information, call Janette Pettey at 376-2884 or the Learning Resource Center at 373-3443. ♦

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Columbia Basin College Small Business Development Center offers:

- **Small Business Accounting Basics** – June 6, 5:30-9:30 p.m. Cost: \$35. Instructor: Tammy Wend, CPA.
- **Small Business Tax Basics and Preparation** – June 13, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$30. Instructor: Tammy Wend, CPA.
- **Small Business Advertising and Marketing: What's the difference?** – June 5, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$15. Instructor: Melanie Jones.
- **Small Business Public Relations Basics** – June 12, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost: \$15. Instructor: Melanie Jones.

All classes will be held in the TRIDEC Conference Room at 901 N. Colorado, Kennewick. To register or to obtain more information, call Ritzy Rafer at 735-6222, or mail your request to CBC-SBDC, 901 N. Colorado St., Kennewick, WA 99336.

Root cause analysis courses offered at HAMMER

Decision Systems, Inc. will offer its REASON® 4 Root Cause Analysis basic, advanced and executive briefing classes the week of July 9 at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. You may register for any of these classes online at www.rootcause.com/open_training.htm or by contacting Jason at (903) 236-9973 or jjones@rootcause.com.

The REASON® 4 Root Cause Analysis basic class will be offered Monday, July 9, and Tuesday, July 10, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the HAMMER Administration Building, room 28. During the course, attendees will learn to break problems down into essential parts, model systems formed by the parts, and analyze models to identify root causes and best solutions. Students will learn about root cause methodology and software applications for applying and managing elements of the data-gathering process. The cost is \$650 per person. This basic course is a prerequisite for the three-day REASON® 4 Root Cause Analysis advanced class.

The REASON® 4 Root Cause Analysis advanced class will be offered Wednesday, July 11, through Friday, July 13, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the HAMMER Administration Building, room 16. This class offers in-depth practical study and application of the REASON® 4 Root Cause Analysis method. Through hands-on computer-based learning, students will gain the skills necessary to serve as site resource people. The cost for this course is \$975 per person.

The cost for the combined two-day basic class and the three-day advanced class is \$1,475 per person; this figure represents a savings of \$150 per person over registering for the classes separately.

Decision Systems, Inc. will offer a four-hour executive briefing class Monday, July 9, and Tuesday, July 10, from 8 a.m. to noon at the HAMMER Administration Building in Conference Room 31. Instruction will focus on discussing and demonstrating, from an executive manager's perspective, the key elements, concepts and applications of the REASON® 4 Root Cause Analysis System for operations improvement. The cost for the executive briefing class is \$75 per person.

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D2000 offers trenching and excavation classes

D2000 Safety Solutions will offer Trenching and Excavation for Competent Persons courses at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center three times this year. Classes begin at 7:30 a.m. and will be held Tuesday, June 26-Thursdays, June 28, TSB Annex Room 2; Monday, July 23 - Wednesday, July 25, TSB Annex Room 1; or Monday, Oct. 22 - Wednesday, Oct. 24, TSB Annex Room 1.

The hands-on course is designed to meet the requirements of 29 CFR 1926.650 regulations and uses field exercises, group discussions and problem-solving to build related skills. Students successfully completing the program receive a certificate of completion. The class has been reviewed and approved for 2.4 CEUs by the International Association for Continuing Education and Training. The course cost is \$595 per person. Class size is limited to 25. Students may register by phoning Vicky DeMoss at (800) 551-8763.

D2000 offers confined space rescue class

Wednesday, Aug. 22, through Friday, Aug. 24, D2000 Safety Solutions will offer an Operations Level Confined Space Rescue class at the Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center. Class begins at the Administration Building in room 15 at 7:30 a.m. Designed to meet the requirements of OSHA 29 CFR 1910.146, the class includes both lecture and enactment training. Students successfully completing the course will receive a Confined Space Rescue student manual and certificate of completion. The course cost is \$695 per person. The prerequisite is Confined Space Entrant Attendant. Students may register by phoning Vicky DeMoss at (800) 551-8763.

'Hanford in Context' offered this summer

By popular demand, the three-credit course, Hanford in Context (ES/RP 490 / 592), will be offered from June 19 to Aug. 9 at the Washington State University Tri-Cities campus. Lectures will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. There will also be three Saturday field trips. Learn about Hanford from people who know its history. Registrations for the course are being accepted through the WSU Tri-Cities Admissions and Registration Office at www.tricity.wsu.edu. For further information, contact the course coordinator, Dr. James Cochran, via e-mail at cochranj@tricity.wsu.edu. Visit the Hanford in Context Web page at www.pnl.gov/educationk20/hinc.stm. ♦

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VANPOOLS

Vanpool ads are run for two weeks. Ads must be resubmitted to run in subsequent issues of the *Hanford Reach*. The deadline for submissions is Thursday, 10 days prior to publication.

Day & Zimmermann Protection Technology Hanford reminds employees to wear their badges. Vanpool and carpool drivers are responsible for ensuring riders are badged. If a passenger forgets his or her badge, Patrol must be informed at the barricades. For more information, look on the Hanford Web in the Projects and Activities section. Safeguards and Security at <http://www.rl.gov:1050/sas/pg1v3htm>.

BENTON CITY

Opening for rider in vanpool to 200W, WSCF. Approximately \$50 per month. Call **Charlotte** at 373-4046. 6/4

KENNEWICK

Riders wanted on vanpool to 200W. Stops at Albertson's in Kennewick and Chief Jo in Richland. Delivers to 222-S Lab, PFP, Fab Shop area. Rider count kept low for comfort. Contact **Leann Spurlock**, 376-8703. 5/29

8x9 vanpool seeking riders. Leaves Albertson's on Edison and Clearwater and picks up at Columbia Racquet Club. Stops at PFP and West Tank farms. Call **Abe Garza** at 373-2898. 5/29

8x9 vanpool to 200E Area. Picks up at Chuck E. Cheese's and Federal Building. Drops off at 2750, WESF, 2704-HV or nearby facilities. Enjoy cold air-conditioning all summer long. Call **Jim Brockus** at 372-2939 or send an e-mail message. 5/29

Vanpool No. 90 to 200E needs riders. 8x9. Picks up at Fred Meyer (2811 W. 10th Ave.) and Ranch & Home (Columbia Center Blvd.). Stops at 2750-E, MO-414, 2727-E, and MO-979. If you are interested in a less expensive fare and are willing to share the driving responsibilities, please specify when calling. Contact **Kristine Bowen** at 372-3667 or **Carl Kinkel** at 373-0813. 6/4

PASCO

Vanpool No. 139 to 200E and 200W needs riders. 8x9, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Picks up at Road 100 Sleep Inn with a stop at the Federal Building in Richland. Contact **Robert Spears** at 372-0984. 5/29

RICHLAND

Vanpool No. 116, 8x9, to 200E has an opening. Picks up at Joe's Chevron at Jadwin and McMurray. Drops off at 2750, MO-286, 2701-HV and 2704-HV. Call **Nester Wise** at 376-6373 or at 376-7266. 5/29

WEST RICHLAND

Vanpool No. 120 to 200E needs two 8x9 riders. Leaves Flat Top Park at 6:10 a.m. Drops off at 2750-E, WESF and 2727. Contact **Marion** at 372-0383. 6/4 ♦