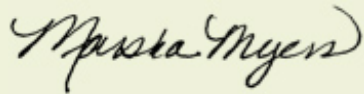


November 13, 2009

Welcome to the e.Geo!

Welcome to our second e.Geo - CalGeo's new electronic newsletter. Fall is off to a grand start and we have exciting events coming up in the next few months; look for information delivered each month directly to your inbox. Our goal is to keep you better informed of the latest trends and studies, industry events, legislative updates, and industry news that matters to geotechnical professionals.

I hope you find the e.Geo informative and helpful. Thanks for reading!



Marsha Myers, *Executive Director*

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Outstanding Project Awards - Call for Entries

Every year, at our Annual Conference, CalGeo gives awards to the most Outstanding Projects of the year. Our members submit their project(s) for consideration a few months prior to the conference date. Our Immediate Past President heads a committee of three that judge each project based on established criteria.

Once a decision has been made, all firms are notified. Winner(s) will receive a beautiful crystal trophy and will have the opportunity to present their project during the awards presentation luncheon at the Annual Conference in La Jolla, CA on Saturday, May 1, 2010.

The Awards Program is open to all Active member firms of CalGeo in good standing, except member firms on the judging committee. Any project will be considered for the award, but only projects completed and constructed within the previous five calendar years are eligible.

We are now Calling for Entries and applications will be accepted through January 29, 2010. An Application packet has just been sent to all Active member firms. [You may also download the forms here.](#)

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Future Leaders Workshops in November:

Succeeding In This "Do More With Less" Economy

Unfortunately, CalGeo must cancel these workshops we had scheduled for November 17 and 18 due to lack of participation. For those of you that have signed up, CalGeo will refund your registration fee. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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Call for Member News: Share Your Success!

Are you or your firm doing something worth noting? Did you win an award, get a promotion or finish a recognizable project? If you're making news, we want to hear about it. Send us your stories to cgea@comcast.net and we'll post them in this space in upcoming editions. Items should be 140 characters in length or less.

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Member News

Blackburn Consulting Receives "Best Firm to Work For" Award.

With great pride and for the second year in a row, Blackburn Consulting was honored as one of CE News' "Best Firms to Work For". This award was presented to Blackburn Consulting's Human Resource Manager, Kelly Dahill, at the CE News Chicago Summit on September 22nd.

Awardees are determined by the review of an extensive confidential survey of employees and management. Blackburn Consulting was ranked 34th overall and 17th among small firms, quite an accomplishment considering all of the fine firms in the nation. With offices in Auburn, Modesto and West Sacramento, Blackburn Consulting specializes in geotechnical design/construction evaluation and recommendations for public sector projects such as roadways, bridges, underground pipes, tunnels, dams, levees, water resources and wastewater facilities.

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Technical Corner

Retaining Wall Survey is Available

CalGeo conducted a survey of member firms in late 2008 to better understand member awareness of and standard practices for dealing with new code requirements related to retaining walls. The results, are now posted on our [Web site](#).

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CAL/OSHA Consultation Program

Consultative assistance is provided to employers through on-site visits, telephone support, publications, eTools and educational outreach. All services provided by CAL/OSHA Consultation are provided free of charge to California employers. [For a complete guide of services and information, click here](#)

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Welcome New Members

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to CalGeo.

Active Members

SPC Geotechnical, Inc.

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