

**September 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting**  
**Topic: REMEDIATION OF A SINKHOLE**

Mr. Kennard will present a case history on the remediation of a sinkhole discovered beneath a portion of B-Wing of Building 4663 at the Marshall Space Flight Center. Building 4663 is the home of a NASA computer facility which provides support to other NASA facilities across the USA. The facility operates 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. Evaluation and repair of the sinkhole could not affect the daily operation of the center.

Mr. William Kennard is the Senior Engineer and Geotechnical Depart Manager for the Huntsville office of Qore Property Sciences. Mr. Kennard joined Qore in 1996. Mr Kennard graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mining Engineering. Mr. Kennard has has over 16 years of experience as a geotechnical consultant and received his P.E. while working in Southern California. Mr. Kennard has spent the last 8-1/2 years working in the Southeastern United States. Mr. Kennard is the geotechnical engineer of record on numerous local projects including the Saturn V Rocket at the Space and Rocket Center; the Boeing Delta IV Rocket Booster Plant in Decatur; the School of Engineering at Alabama A & M, and the Colonial Bank Building in Huntsville.

*Cost of the luncheon is \$10.00 (\$5.00 for students). If you do not hear from the telephone committee by noon on Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, please call in your reservation to Art Hargrove at 971-1622 or email him at [arthurh@ajtalabama.com](mailto:arthurh@ajtalabama.com).*

**New Officer Nominations**

Officers nominated for 2002 are:

- President: Jeff Mullins
- Vice President: Marcella Funderburg
- Secretary: Jennifer Trice
- Treasurer: Larry Donelson

Additional nominations may be made during the September meeting. Election and induction of officers will also occur during the September meeting.

**Legislative Alert**

On August 1, Representative Neil Abercrombie (D-HI) offered a TRAC-like amendment to the FY 2002 National Defense Authorization Bill (H.R. 2586) during the House Armed Services Committee (HASC) markup. Regrettably, the committee adopted the amendment by a 34-to-25 vote. ***The adoption of this amendment to the defense authorization bill is a significant blow to contracting efforts and, if signed into law, would have a direct impact on engineering and architectural companies.***

If passed, the Amendment would:

- Undermine national security by imposing more contracting restraints on DOD;
- Expand the use of A-76 for DOD—a direct threat to QBS as it would require public-private competitions for a/e services;
- Reimpose burdensome and non-value added contractor cost tracking, manhour reporting requirements and cost information previously required by the Department of the Army but rescinded in June;
- Negatively impact small and disadvantaged engineering firms that subcontract to larger firms;
- Preempt the work currently being done by the GAO

Commercial Activities Panel tasked with investigating the A-76 process; and,

- Possibly spread to other federal agencies, since it is an initiative to insert anti-outsourcing (TRAC-like) language in various appropriation bills.

Though there is a vague “waiver” for architecture and engineering services in two of the four sections of the amendment (cost savings requirement and expansion of Congressional notification), it does not include the full range of services offered by the industry.

ACEC is implementing a legislative strategy to counter the Abercrombie amendment and is working with several Congressional offices and the Administration to defeat the measure, which is scheduled to be voted on in early September. Your help is critical to our efforts. Contact your Representative and Senators while they are home for the August recess.

Please go to <http://www.capwiz.com/acec/issues/alert/?alertid=47648&type=CO&azip=> to visit the ACEC Online Legislative Action Center. The Legislative Action Center contains talking points and letter drafting software to assist you with contacting your Member of Congress. For additional information, please contact Camille Fleenor at ASCE/MBT 202-682-4343 or email her at [cfleenor@acec.org](mailto:cfleenor@acec.org).

**Tidbits Needed for Scrapbook**

Dr. Kate Leonard is in the process of updating the Huntsville Branch's scrapbook. If you have any pictures or stories you would like to include, please contact her at 824-6423 or [leonard@ebs330.eb.uah.edu](mailto:leonard@ebs330.eb.uah.edu).



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**Southeast ASCE Conferences and Seminars**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Conference/Seminar</b>	<b>Location</b>
Sept 12	Intro to HEC-HMS	Charlotte
Sept 12-14	Infrastructure Asset Management	Little Rock
Sept 12-14	Soil & Rock Slope Stability	Atlanta
Sept 13	Intro to HEC-RAS	Charlotte
Sept 13-14	Intro to Tunnel Design & Const.	Dallas
Sept 13-14	Seismic Design of Highway Bridges	Charleston
Sept 14	FEMA NFIP	Charlotte
Sept 20-21	Structural Condition Assessment	Charlotte
Sept 27-28	Effective Management for Engineers	San Antonio
Sept 27-28	NPDES Stormwater Compliance	Austin
Sept 27-28	Pumping Systems Design	Houston
Oct 4-5	Wind Loads for Buildings & Other Structures	Oklahoma City
Oct 11-12	Res. Land Development Practices	Charleston
Oct 18-19	GIS Applications in Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Systems	New Orleans
Oct 18-19	Modern Blasting Tech & Risk Mgmt	Miami
Oct 22-23	Construction Project Administration	Lexington
Oct 25-26	Design of Metal Buildings	Kansas City, MO

For more information on these and other ASCE seminars visit:

[www.asce.org/distancelearning/index.cfm](http://www.asce.org/distancelearning/index.cfm)

or

[www.asce.org/conferences/](http://www.asce.org/conferences/)

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**Upcoming Huntsville Branch Meeting Dates**

2001: October 2, November 6, December 4.

2002: January 8, February 5, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August – AL State Sectional Meeting,

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**Newsletter Items of Interest**

Please provide items of interest or announcements for the next newsletter two weeks before the next meeting date (i.e. September 18<sup>th</sup>). Please e-mail any announcements or suggestions to me at the following address:

[mfunderburg@fwenc.com](mailto:mfunderburg@fwenc.com)

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**NEXT MEETING: September 4<sup>th</sup>**

**@ 11:30 A.M.**

**Holiday Inn - Research Park**

**5903 University Drive (Our Usual Location)**

**RESERVATIONS: Art Hargrove 971-1622**

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