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Preview of February 2008 SAME Presentation. Keys to a Successful Drinking Water Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Program. This presentation will give a brief background about cross-connection control, discuss the basics of a backflow program, and list some innovative steps to get more personnel involved in the program. A comprehensive program should involve military personnel, Department of Defense civilians, A&E firms, and contractors throughout the base.

Keys to Successful Drinking Water Cross-Connection Control & Backflow Program

This month's speaker is Carrie Mero. Carrie is a professional environmental engineer in the water group of the URS' Morrisville, NC, office. She has experience with various drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater evaluation projects as well as experience in infrastructure planning, design, and construction. While with URS, Carrie has traveled across the United States, Japan, and South Korea in support of military clients. In fact, she has

conducted numerous drinking water cross-connection control and backflow prevention inventory projects at Department of Defense installations. Additionally, Carrie is helping to re-establish a backflow program at one of the largest military reservations in the world. This month, she will share some keys to a successful cross-connection control program, along with lessons learned, during the presentation.





SAME Robins Post Officers Elections 2008

The SAME Robins Post Officer elections were held in January 2008. Below are the results. Congratulations to all officers, and thanks to all SAME members who cast their votes!

SAME Officer Position	Winner Elect
President	Becky McCoy
Vice President	Col. Pie
Secretary	Bill Nagel
Assistant Secretary	Jennifer Tribble
Treasurer	Griff Cox

Meet the New Officers

SAME Robins Post welcomes new officers on board—Jennifer Tribble as Assistant Secretary and Griff Cox as Treasurer. They are profiled below.

Jennifer Tribble, Assistant Secretary

Jennifer Tribble, EIT, received her Associate of Science in Business Administration from Macon State College in 1998 and her Bachelor of Science in Engineering with Specialization in Environmental Engineering (Summa Cum Laude) from Mercer University in 2003. She worked as a staff engineer at Geotechnical and Environmental Consultants, Inc. (May 2003 - Jan 2004) and as a staff engineer/project manager at Earth Tech, Inc. (Jan 2004 - Sept 2007) prior to joining the 78 CEG/CEV team at Robins Air Force Base in September 2007. Jennifer's professional experience includes environmental compliance for both federal and commercial clients. She is a board member for the Mercer University School of Engineering Alumni Board of Directors. Jennifer and husband, David, have one daughter, Reagan (age 1).

Griff Cox, PE, Treasurer

Griff Cox, PE, received his Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering Specializing in Natural Resources Engineering from Clemson University in 1992. His professional background includes regulatory, environmental, and municipal engineering experience. Highlights of Griff's career include: seven years with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control; two years with Synagro Technologies, Inc.; and two years with Hobbs, Upchurch and Associates. In 2002, Griff earned his registration as a professional engineer specializing in environmental engineering. He has worked at Robins AFB in 78 CEG/CEV since 2004. Griff and wife Jennifer have two children—Garrett (age 9) and Ashlyn (age 6). He also enjoys volunteering as a local Boy Scout leader.

WHAT'S COMING UP...

The next Robins General Meeting will be held on 20 February 2008 at 1130 hours. The meeting will be held at the Officer's Club Atrium. All are welcome to attend.



Upcoming Dates in 2008

20 February – 1130 hours: SAME General Meeting. URS Corp. will present on water issues, including discussion of the latest regulations.

19 March – 1130 hours: SAME General Meeting. The United States Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) will present on Partnering with Industry, with each AFRC Division providing an overview of mission and current workload.

25 April – Earth Day Golf Tournament at Robins AFB. There will be no SAME General Meeting this month.

Spotlight on Sustaining Member Firms: URS Corporation

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 and development of solutions to national security challenges."

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Disciplines

Consulting Engineering Services

Number of Employees in Georgia

305

Number of Employees

55,000+ worldwide

Expertise in Georgia

Environmental services (environmental site assessments, remediation planning and design, RCRA/ CERCLA compliance, and air quality); SABER construction support; civil engineering and site design; geotechnical

engineering; environmental planning (environmental assessments, environmental impact statements, NEPA/GEPA compliance, cultural resources surveys, biological surveys, wetlands delineation, and permitting); traffic engineering (traffic impact studies, signal design, intersection design, roadway and bridge design and construction, parking studies, circulation studies, and parking deck functional design); transportation planning (corridor studies, transit studies and planning).

SAME Interest

URS provides environmental support, SABER support, and civil engineering design and construction management support at Robins AFB through a multitude of civil and environmental engineering contracts available through AFCEE, ACC, GSA, Corps of Engineers, and other Federal agencies. URS is interested in continuing to be an active member of the SAME chapter at Robins and promoting professional engineering development with peers, and clients, as well as by mentoring young engineers.

SAME Robins Post Achievement Awards

Becky McCoy, PE, Wins Ric Powers' Achievement Award

Ms. Becky McCoy, PE, has been named recipient of the Ric Powers' Achievement Award for 2007. The inaugural award was presented by the SAME Robins Post to Mr. Ric Powers in 2006 for his countless contributions to SAME, the base and to his profession. Becky served as Treasurer of the SAME Robins Post and was instrumental and integral to the SAME Regional Training Conference—hosted by the SAME Robins and Fort Benning Posts—this past year. Please congratulate Becky on this prestigious award!

Lt. Robert Bouffard Awarded Young Members Achievement Award

Lt. Robert Bouffard was named Outstanding Young Member for 2007. Lt. Bouffard was recognized for his service to the SAME Robins Post.



In far left photo, Becky McCoy with presenter Ric Powers and at right is Lt. Robert Bouffard with Mr. Powers.

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