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Preview of January 2009 SAME Presentation, entitled "Environmental Management Systems (EMS) and Green Building Certification—Is There a Connection?" This presentation will be given by Ms. Tracy Yount, LEED-AP, from AECOM.

EMS & Green Building Certification, Is There a Connection?

The International Organization for Standardization introduced the ISO 14001 standard with the intent to offer a strategy for achieving sustainable use of the environment by businesses and organizations. Once revolutionary, but now common among leading organizations, an Environmental Management System (EMS) has been developed by organizations to help guide their various compliance activities and help understand and limit their overall impact on the environment. As organizations evaluate their impacts on the environment, many now understand that the buildings they operate out of also have impacts and those impacts need to be better managed.

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Call for Nominations

The SAME Robins Post is currently soliciting nominations for officer/director positions, including:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Treasurer
- Programs Director
- Education and Mentoring Director
- Financials Director

All positions are open to SAME members in good standing. Officer positions are one-year terms and

director positions are two-year terms. Nominations should be submitted electronically to the current Secretary via email at bnagel@geosyntec.com or by calling 478.328.6181, ext. 21. Please make sure you receive a confirmation indicating receipt to ensure your nominee's name is placed on the ballot.

Nominations will be accepted through 1700 hours, Friday, 16 January 2009. SAME Robins Post elections will be held at the 21 January 2009 General Meeting. All attending members will be allowed to vote at the meeting.



Presenter's Bio: Tracy Yount, LEED-AP Environment Southeast Regional Sustainability Practice Area Leader, AECOM

With over eight years of experience in the environmental consulting industry, Ms. Yount has managed projects and accounts specializing in the enhancement of an organization's sustainability, including corporate social responsibility (CSR) and environmental management system (EMS) frameworks. She has provided sustainability services such as stakeholder engagement, reporting and transparency, supply chain management, waste and energy reduction implementation plans, and EMS benchmarking and gap analysis to a wide client base, including manufacturing, industrial, pharmaceutical, oil and gas utility, federal, and aviation/transportation.

Ms. Yount is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED-AP) and has assisted clients through green building strategies via effective use of an existing EMS and use of alternative materials and procedures in the overall building operations. In addition, Ms. Yount has completed the Lead Auditor ISO 14001:2004 Training Certification.

Distinguished Service Honored with Award Presentation

Ms. Nancy Manley was recognized by the SAME Robins Post Board for her service in SAME and was acknowledged as the recipient of the prestigious **Ric Powers' Achievement Award**. Ms. Manley has served as Director, 778 Civil Engineer Squadron since August 2008 and has been a Chief Engineer with the 78 Civil Engineer Group since May 1994.

Ms. Jennifer Tribble was also recognized by the SAME Robins Post Board for all of her contributions to SAME and to the Post, and was named the recipient of the **Outstanding Young Member Award**. Ms. Tribble is the Hazardous Material Program Manager for the 78th Civil Engineering Group Environmental Division. She graduated from Mercer University's School of Engineering in 2003. Currently, she serves on the Mercer University School of Engineering Alumni Board of Directors and is the SAME Robins Post Assistant Secretary. Ms. Tribble and her husband, David, have a two-year-old daughter, Reagan.

The SAME Robins Post would like to congratulate Ms. Manley and Ms. Tribble on these awards. **Awards will be presented at the January 21st SAME Robins Post General Meeting.**

The Post appreciates all of their contributions to SAME over the past year.



WHAT'S COMING UP...

The next Robins Post General Meeting will be held on 21 January 2009 at 11:30 am. The meeting will be held in the Horizon's Atrium (formerly the Officer's Club). All are welcome.

The SAME Robins Post Board Meeting will be held on January 21, immediately following the General Meeting.



Upcoming Dates in 2009

21 January: 1130 hours: SAME General Meeting immediately followed by SAME Robins Post Board/Officer's Meeting for current Officers at the Horizon's Atrium. Ms. Tracy Yount of AECOM will be the featured speaker.

18 February: 1130 hours: SAME General Meeting immediately followed by SAME Robins Post Board/Officer's Meeting. Geosyntec Consultants will be presenting on energy issues, including discussion on alternative technology.

18 March: 1130 hours: SAME General Meeting immediately followed by SAME Robins Post Board/Officer's Meeting. Air Force Reserve Command personnel will be the featured presenters and will providing an updated version of their "Partnering with Industry" presentation.

24 April: Earth Day Golf Tournament at Robins AFB.

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.”

Spotlight on Sustaining Member Firms: EMR

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Although we typically consider Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certifications important for new construction, there are many more opportunities to certify existing buildings. When you consider that 97% of the built environment already exists and much of that was designed and built without consideration of energy, water, and other resource efficiencies in mind, the LEED-EB process is ripe for application in today's facility management environment.

An organization with an active EMS is likely to have already implemented some of the elements of LEED-EB and will therefore have an advantage over an organization without an EMS for achieving LEED-EB certifications. But where exactly are the connections between the two types of standards and how much easier does having an EMS make achieving LEED-EB certification? If one were to lay out exactly where the standards overlap and how a sustainable building program can be incorporated into an existing EMS or vice versa. Many organizations with an established EMS have harnessed these two systems to implement green building programs and have proven that both EMS and LEED programs can work together in a very positive way.



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