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**Preview of September 2008 SAME Presentation. Considerations for Mentor Protégé Relationships.** This presentation will be given by Mr. Lloyd Hinkle, PE, Principal Program Manager, MWH and Steve Hvizdzak, PG, Regional Director, TEPA EC, LLC.

## Considerations for Mentor Protégé Relationships

Federal agencies continue to have a strong program for small business participation in Federal procurements. One consideration for small businesses is the opportunity to form Mentor Protégé (MP) relationships under the Small Business Administration. This presentation will discuss factors to consider from both the small business and large business perspective in developing MP relationships. Taking these factors into consideration early in the process may ensure a more successful relationship.

This month's presenters are Mr. Lloyd Hinkle, PE, and Mr. Steve Hvizdzak, PG. Their biographies are given on page 2.



## Presenters' Bios:

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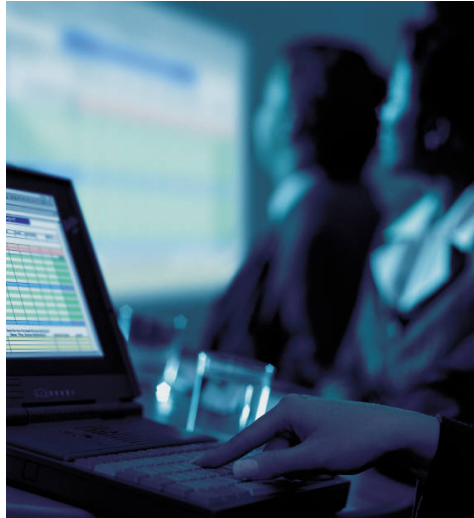
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Based in Oak Ridge, TN, Mr. Lloyd Hinkle, PE, provides business and program management leadership for MWH's Federal Service practice in the Southeast. In this area, his practice focuses on providing environmental and sustainable solutions to Federal clients. Mr. Hinkle has over 35 years of experience as an engineer in water/wastewater, air pollution, pollution prevention, and environmental compliance. He received his Bachelor of Science (1971) and Master of Science (1973) in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri -Rolla. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. Mr. Hinkle is a registered Professional Engineer in Maryland.

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Based in Warner Robins, GA, Steve Hvizdzak, PG, provides business and program management leadership for Tepas EC in the Southeast. Mr. Hvizdzak has over 20 years of experience managing MILCON, civil/infrastructure, water/wastewater, O&M, and environmental projects for DOD clients. He has eight years of experience at Robins AFB in the capacity of project/program manager on multiple projects. He received his Bachelor of Science (1984) in Geology from the University of Pittsburgh and is a registered Professional Geologist.



## WHAT'S COMING UP...

The September 2008 SAME General Meeting will be held at the Officer's Club/Horizon's Atrium on Wednesday, 17 September 2008 at 11:30 hours. Mr. Lloyd Hinkle, PE, and Mr. Steve Hvizdzak, PG, will be the featured presenters. Please join us.



### Upcoming Dates in 2008

**September 17** – General Meeting featuring Mentor/Protégé Relationships with MWH and TEPAs.

**October 24** – SAME Golf Tournament at Robins Air Force Base.

**November 19** – SAME General Meeting featuring "Reverse Osmosis and Desalination Plant at Hilton Head, SC," conducted by EarthTech.

## Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament



The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Robins AFB Post Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on Friday 24 October 2008 at the Pine Oaks Golf Course at Robins Air Force Base. Please visit the SAME Robins website (<http://www.samerobins.org/>) or go to <http://www.samerobins.org/Documents/2008%20SAME%20Golf%20Flyer.pdf> for additional information and registration information.

## *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."*

# New SAME Regional Vice President: Michael L. Blount, PE, Captain, CEC, USN (Ret)

Michael Blount graduated from the University of Florida in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Engineering, and was commissioned as an Ensign, Civil Engineer Corps, United States Navy Reserve. His first assignment was the Facilities Planning and Seabee Division Officer at Naval Air Station Key West, FL. IN July 1984, he transferred to the Naval Energy and Environmental Support Activity (NEESA) in Port Hueneme, CA, as the Assistant Environmental Officer. After NEESA, he reported to U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) FORTY in June of 1986 as the Plans/Training Officer and Alfa Company Commander. Following the Battalion tour, he earned a Master's Degree in Environmental Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

After completing Graduate School in September 1989, Captain Blount reported to Commander, Naval Construction Battalions, U.S. Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor, HI, as the Special Operations Officer. A year later, he was assigned to THIRD Naval Construction Regiment in Al Jubail, Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Shield. In July 1991, Captain Blount reported to duty as Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay. After Hawaii, he served as the Civil Engineer Corps Lieutenant Detailer at Bureau of Personnel in Washington, D.C.

Captain Blount returned to the Seabees in October 1994, serving as the Operations Officer for NMCB SEVEN. In Sept. 1996, Captain Blount reported to the Facilities and Engineering Division (N44) of the Chief of Naval Operations, where he was the Military Construction (MILCON) Branch Head. Staying in OPNAV, Captain Blount transferred to the Navy Programming Division (N80), where he was the MILCON and Facilities Analyst, and Navy Review Board Coordinator. After OPNAV, in June 2000, Captain Blount assumed command of the First and Finest, NMCB ONE. He led the battalion through deployments to Rota Spain and Guam. During that period, NMCB ONE was awarded the Atlantic Fleet Best of Type Award (Battle E); first ever Physical Fitness "E" and the Peltier Award for best Seabee Battalion for 2001. Following NMCB ONE, in May of 2002, Captain Blount reported to Naval Air Station Sigonella as the Public Works Officer and Officer in Charge Construction.

In 2003 Captain Blount earned a Professional Degree in Water Resources Engineering from the George Washington University; and completed an Advanced Management Program at Duke University's Fuqua School of Business. Captain Blount reported to THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment in March 2004, where he served as Commander, THIRTIETH Naval Construction Regiment and Deputy Commander, FIRST Naval Construction Division (Forward). During this tour, Captain Blount commanded the Regiment as a Major Subordinate Command to II MEF in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. In June 2006, CAPT Blount reported to Jacksonville, Florida and assumed command of Naval Facilities Engineering Command Southeast. During his tenure, NAVFAC Southeast executed over \$2 billion in construction and over \$1 billion in Public Works Services. Captain Blount retired in July of 2008 and currently is the Vice President of Federal Operation for Balfour Beatty Construction US.

Captain Blount's awards include the Legion of Merit (three awards), Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Navy Commendation Medal (five awards), Joint Service Achievement Medal and Navy Achievement Medal (three awards). He is a Seabee Combat Warfare Officer, a Licensed Professional Civil Engineer in the State of California, and Acquisition Professional and DAWIA Level III certified.



## Spotlight on Sustaining Member Firms: MWH

MWH is a full-service environmental science, engineering, procurement, construction, and O&M services firm with a long history of solving challenging problems for our clients. MWH is an employee-owned corporation, which ensures a stable workforce and commitment by our people to the highest quality of professional services. Individually or as a team, MWH's worldwide resources provide outstanding support in a wide variety of projects, and we consistently strive to provide our clients with the most responsive services and technical expertise. With nearly 6,000 professionals located in 170 offices throughout 35 nations, MWH provides the greatest worldwide expertise with responsive service from our local offices. Through our network of offices throughout the United States and worldwide, we are capable of providing individualized services to clients small and large, public and private, while maintaining indigenous offices in major markets of the world. For more information, visit [www.mwhglobal.com](http://www.mwhglobal.com).



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