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## **EDUCATION:**

B.S. Civil Engineering, University of Illinois 1972

# LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER - STATE OF ILLINOIS 1976

#### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:**

- 1. Currently Continuing Lecturer at Purdue in CEM (Construction Engineering and Management). Teaching several CEM courses. Additionally, curriculum advisor to CEM students.
- 2. Worked as Civil Engineer for the US Army Corps of Engineers from 1973 to 2004

### 06/01/2002 to 10/02/2004

Supervisory Civil Engineer GM-0810-13. US Army Corps of Engineer District, Chicago. Reference: Shamel Abou-El-Seoud, Chief Technical Services - Construction Operations Branch 321-846-5470 (Supervisor)

Area Engineer in charge of Civil Works construction and rehabilitation work on Lake Michigan harbors Breakwater structures in Chicago and Indiana; Lake Michigan shoreline protection – Chicago; Little Calumet River Flood protection including pump stations and control structures; Dredging and Environmental Clean Up of Indiana Harbor; Dredging of Calumet River and Calumet Lake and construction of numerous associated support buildings and facilities. Supervise engineers, office engineers, construction representatives, construction inspectors and civil engineering technicians. Appointed as Contracting Officer and administered numerous multi-million dollar construction contracts totaling several hundred million dollars cumulatively. Routinely involved in contract claim resolution.

### 11/10/1980 to 05/31/2002

Supervisory Civil Engineer GM-0810-13. US Army Corps of Engineer District, Rock Island, IL.

Reference: Denny Lundberg, Chief Engineering Division 309-794- 5226 (Currently head of department where I worked) Past supervisor is retired.

Area Engineer in charge of Civil Works construction and rehabilitation work on locks and dams on the Mississippi River and Illinois Waterway (Locks - Fabrication and installation of new miter gates, resurfacing of lock walls, rebuild of guidewalls, construction of mooring cells, replacement of gate and valve operating machinery and complete electrical system replacement, etc.; Dams – Repair of replacement of Tainter

and Roller gates and operating machinery, resurfacing of dam piers, spillways, etc., complete electrical system replacement, scour protection, etc.), Hydraulic and Mechanical dredging including construction of dredge disposal sites, Environmental Management construction projects for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Illinois DNR and Missouri DNR as customers, local flood protection projects for local sponsors, new levee and pump station construction (One major project was construction of a new levee system for Hannibal, MO which protects the historic downtown area including the Mark Twain home and other historic structures which are visited by tourists from around the world) and reconstruction of numerous existing levees and pump stations due to flood damage from the Mississippi River Flood of 1993 for local levee and drainage districts. Supervise engineers, office engineers, construction representatives, construction inspectors and civil engineering technicians. Appointed as Contracting Officer and administered numerous multi-million dollar construction contracts totaling several hundred million dollars cumulatively. Routinely involved in contract claim resolution including Federal Claims court in Washington, D.C.

04/16/1973 to 11/10/1980 Supervisory Civil Engineer GS-12 Assistant Project Engineer & Chief of Engineering Section

Oversee Operation and Maintenance of 6 Locks and Dams on the Illinois Waterway.

#### SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Nov 1993, Construction Contract Management CON 223, 120 hours, NAFAC

May 1993, Federal Environmental Law, 16 hours, Federal Publications

Apr 1993, Government Contract Law CON 201, 40 hours, Florida Tech

Mar 1991, Construction Cost Analysis, 32 hours, USACE

Apr 1990, Advanced Construction Management, 24 hours, USACE

Apr 1985, Construction Claims and The Owner, 32 hours, U of W, Madison

Jan 1982, Contracting Officers Representative, 24 hours, USACE

# SIGNIFCANT AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

1999 - LIBERTY BELL AWARD, Law Day 1999 for winning \$5,000,000 claim in Federal Court. I worked closely with Office of Counsel and the U.S. Attorney in Washington, D.C. for over 1 year to prepare and was an active participant during the trial as well as one of the key witnesses for the Corps.

1997 - LETTER OF APPRECIATION (General Anderson - Division Award). This was for a helicopter tour of the Illinois Waterway, a Local Flood Protection Project and an EMP construction project under my jurisdiction. I was the narrator and tour guide for the General during this portion of his visit to Rock Island District.

23 Oct and 09 Oct 1995 Articles in Construction Digest (see below)

22 Sep and 10 Sep 1995 Articles in Chicago Tribune (see below)

1988 - LETTER OF APPRECIATION (Assistant Secretary of the Army Visit).

1987 - LETTER OF APPRECIATION (General Vander Els Visit - Chief of Engineers).

1984 - FEDERAL ENGINEER OF THE YEAR.

#### **DETAILED ARTICLES AND NEWSPAPER REPORTS:**

23 Oct 1995 - Follow up article published in Construction Digest about the project described in 09 Oct 1995 article (below). I am pictured and named as the Area Engineer in charge.

09 Oct 1995 - 5 page article published in Construction Digest about the project described above. The article states "For the Corps' part, this contract was the latest in the evolution of successful lock closures dating back to 1975 on the Illinois Waterway". It further states that "Victor Gervais, the area engineer ... for the Corps and contracting officer's representative for the Fru-Con contract, cut his teeth on lock rehab in 1975 and has been involved ever since.

22 Sep 1995 - Article in Chicago Tribune reporting the reopening of the last of the 3 locks 18 Sep 1995. The article correctly states that "the lock repair project makes it the most ambitious the Army Corps of Engineers had performed on the Illinois Waterway" and to my knowledge, no other District has performed such a vast amount of simultaneous lock closure work. I am pictured and named as the Engineer in Charge.

10 Sep 1995 - Article in Chicago Tribune detailing concurrent work at Marseilles Lock, Dresden Lock and Brandon Road Lock on the Illinois Waterway. Work consisted of concurrent lock closures, dewatering and installation of new Miter Gates at all sites within a 60 day period. I was in charge of this \$14,000,000 project and acted as Resident Engineer for all three sites concurrently insuring that the Illinois Waterway reopened to Navigation as quickly as possible. Included in this single contract was the fabrication and installation of the 6 miter gate leaves - the largest weighing 300 TONS, and installation of new mooring bitts at all sites simultaneously.

# Certificate of Appointment

Under authority vested in the undersigned and in conformance with Subpart 1.6 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation

Victor P. Gervais

is appointed

# Contracting Officer

for the

# United States of America

Subject to the limitations contained in the Federal Acquisition Regulation and to the following:
The Administrative Contracting Officer appointed herein is authorized to execute Construction Contract
modifications which do not exceed \$100,000 subject to the limitations set forth in the Engineer Federal Acquisition
Regulation Supplement (EFARS) Paragraphs 1.603-3(90). Information technology type contracts are not authorized.

Unless sooner terminated, this appointment is effective as long as the appointee is assigned to:

This ACO warrant is only authorized for contracts within the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Great Lakes and Ohio River Division. This warrant is not authorized for IT contracts.

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STEVEN R. HAWKINS, BG, U.S. Army, Commander

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