

Denver-EWB Outreach Coordinator Report
May 13, 2008

Thursday, May 15th . Jim Gusek will be presenting a 5 to 10 minute talk to the Denver Section meeting of ASCE at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Downtown Denver at 7:30PM at the start of the “business meeting” portion of the meeting. He’ll also be “recruiting” for Sand Sculpture Contest teams.

Friday, May 16th. Jim will be presenting a talk entitled “Useful Field Engineering Skills for Engineers Without Borders Projects” to the Regional Meeting of ASFE at the Oxford Hotel. A copy of the Powerpoint presentation is available to anyone on request. Of course, Jim will be trolling for Sand Sculpture Contest teams at this meeting too.

NEW CONTACT/PARTNERING PROJECT

A representative from the Women’s Crisis and Family Outreach Center has asked the Chapter for engineering assistance in developing a subdivision for a new shelter in Douglas County, Colorado. This type of domestic support in our own back yard is approved by EWB-USA. This does not have to be new full-blown Chapter project, but they need someone to help design roads and infrastructure to stretch their thin budget dollars.

Jim has told the agency rep that we might at least help them to fill out the EWB-USA forms to get their project listed OR that there might be a person in the Chapter with the specialized experience they need. This would be a “Partnering Project” similar to what we did to assist an NGO in Bolivia (see below). Contact Jim if you can help (jgusek@golder.com) either with the forms or in providing subdivision layout support.

Sand Sculpture Contest Update

Jim finally received the form for requesting a formal event insurance quote from the Philadelphia Insurance Company. He will be submitting it to PIC this week. The SSC team recruiting committee will kick off its efforts with the ASCE and ASFE meetings this week. Subsequently, one-on-one company contacts will commence in earnest. If you’d like some SSC brochures, contact Jim and he’ll snail-mail some to you or send you a pdf file if you have access to a color copier.

I’ve also posted the event on the event on the Denver Post YourHub website. I believe I provided Corey with the link.

Bolivia Acid Rock Drainage – Terra Resource Development International Annual Report

EWB Denver’s Partnering support to Terra Resource Development is discussed in their 2007 annual report summary and the report itself (pdf). Links are provided below; these were forwarded to Corey Snipes for possible inclusion on the Chapter’s website.

Terra annual report summary at: www.terradevelopment.org/Email_Reports/2007_Report
The report can be downloaded from: www.terradevelopment.org/2007_Report.pdf

Terra’s well drilling expertise may be something we may wish to “tap” into – plz excuse the pun.

Jim