

Corps Team Wins Sustainable Design Award

Three Savannah district employees — Ryan Murphy, Sara Murphy, and Parker Sherard — were part of a 25-member Corpwide team that was recognized during the 2011 Regional Holcim Awards Competition for Sustainable Construction. Using state-of-the-art technologies and design theories, the team put together the “Energy, Water and Efficient Installation” virtual design package for Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and were named by the Holcim Foundation as one of ten teams to receive the Holcim Acknowledgement Prize.

Ryan Murphy and Sara Murphy are both architects with the district, while Sherard is an electrical engineer intern at the district’s Fort Bragg Area Office.

The Swiss-based Holcim Foundation for Sustainable Construction conducts the competition in parallel in five regions across the world. More than 6,000 submissions for projects located in 146 countries entered the Holcim Awards, and the North America region awards were presented to 10 diverse and innovative projects from Canada and the USA at a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Hollis Recognized by Secretary of the Army



Leila Hollis, chief, Office of Small Business, Savannah district, received the 2011 Secretary of the Army Small Business Specialist of the Year Award. The award recognized Hollis for her outstanding leadership and dedication to the Army’s Small Business Program. As chief, Hollis successfully executes a \$1.3 billion

program that significantly impacts the growth and achievement of small firms seeking to do business with the Corps. She has been instrumental in publicizing the Corps’ small programs in a variety of venues, such as speaking engagements, conferences, and monthly counseling sessions with small and large businesses. Hollis, who has become one of the region’s small business experts was also recognized for ensuring that small businesses in the local communities surrounding military installations understand and are aware of the needs of the Corps.

Savannah District recognized by Air Force

The Savannah district was named winner of two 2011 U.S. Air Force Design Awards. The district was recognized with a Merit Award for Sustainable Design for the Moody Dormitory project at Moody Air Force Base, Ga. The district was also recognized with a Merit Award for Planning Studies and Design Guides for the Airmen’s Campus Area Development Plan at Pope Field, N.C. These awards programs recognize design excellence in Air Force planning, landscaping, architecture, engineering, interior design, and military family housing design.

Gatling Receives Women of Color Award



Vicki Gatling, senior project manager, Installation Support Team, Savannah district was honored as part of the 2011 Women of Color in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Awards.

Gatling, who received the award in the category of Professional Achievement — Government, has more than 23 years federal service in a variety of positions in the engineering arena. She is responsible for executing a program that averages \$200 million a year. Gatling was also instrumental in the execution of more than \$100 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-funded projects.

The Women of Color STEM Conference and awards program, sponsored by the Career Communications Group, recognizes women from around the country who demonstrate outstanding performance in a technical field and show great potential for shaping the future course of engineering, science, math and technology.

IN MEMORY OF

Jessie L. Allen, a construction control inspector for the Savannah district, died Aug. 20, 2011, at a road construction site on Fort Benning, Ga. Allen was accidentally struck by a dump truck while inspecting a road project for the Maneuver Center of Excellence. He had been with the Corps four years. At the time of his death, Col. Jeff Hall, Savannah district commander, extended condolences to Allen’s family and friends on behalf of the district. “The loss of one of our own members is especially tragic and reminds us of the inherent dangers of our business and the importance of safety for all our workers,” he said.