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TANTARA Corporation Expands Staff with New Senior Management Personnel

Recent Project Contract Awards Drive Firm's Growth

Worcester, MA – TANTARA Corporation welcomes several new staff including Mark Otis, PE and Chuck Collet, PE to the firm. They will assist this 8(a), HUBZone, woman-owned heavy civil construction / remediation firm in servicing construction and environmental clients in a variety of ways.

Mark Otis, PE will be heading up the New Hampshire area office and TANTARA's Navy Federal Program. Mark worked at the New England District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for more than 30 years. His most recent position with them was as Chief of the Environmental and Military Project Management Branch. TANTARA President Dawn Dearborn stated, "We have known Mark for years and are lucky to have him join the firm. His experience in Program and Project Management will be invaluable." Mark Otis will also be acting as a Senior Technical Advisor and aid in the firm's federal business development efforts.



Mark Otis, PE

Chuck Collet, PE, brings to TANTARA over 20 years' experience managing/ implementing projects in the civil/environmental engineering field. He gained experience working on construction or remediation projects for federal agencies like the USACE, the U.S. Navy, and the Department of the Interior and for private-sector firms on major remediation and site restoration work. Chuck has served as a project manager, designer and construction manager and provided technical leadership, senior oversight, and direction for initial planning, permitting, conceptual design, detailed design and construction management in support of civil and environmental programs / projects. Chuck's initial assignment is management of TANTARA's U.S. Air Force (USAF) indefinite-delivery, indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contracts to provide construction and roofing services for civil and military projects in support of the USAF at various sites. A major contract involves Simplified Acquisition of Base Engineer Requirements (SABER) Task Orders for carpentry, pavement repair, roofing, asbestos abatement/removal, demolition, concrete masonry, welding and other tasks.



Chuck Collet, PE

Additional staff will support TANTARA as it continues to service existing clients and contracts and gain new ones. In September 2014, the USAF at Hanscom AFB awarded TANTARA its 3-year, \$4M SABER Contract after we successfully executed several large individual projects and after one year of servicing our \$4M Roofing IDIQ with them. Eventually 16 TOs were awarded and are in process now at TANTARA. We have a 3-year/\$4M Navy IDIQ for industrial waterfront construction services; and have been awarded four TOs through a \$10M IDIQ Multiple Award Remedial Action Contract (MARC) through USACE New England for environmental restoration at hazardous waste sites being addressed primarily through the EPA's *Superfund Program* and USACE's *Formerly Used Defense Site Program (FUDS)*. The USACE Philadelphia District awarded TANTARA a \$4M SATOC for Design-Build and Construction Contracts, under which TANTARA has performed three TOs for river erosion and levee repairs, with a fourth TO about to commence in Weissport, PA.

About TANTARA Corporation

In business since 2000, TANTARA is a technically competent, competitive, small business powerhouse in the environmental remediation and construction industry. TANTARA's success is also directly related to its decision to broaden its geographic reach and to diversify operations within the federal market. The firm provides environmental and heavy civil construction and remediation services along the Eastern Seaboard to clients like the USACE, the Navy, the Coast Guard, the Air Force, the Air National Guard, the National Park Service, as well as numerous municipal, and private-sector commercial, utility and institutional clients. For TANTARA, it has been an award-winning season: the firm was selected as the SBA 2013-14 Region 1 *Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year*; was a 2013-14 Nunn-Perry Award Recipient; has twice been awarded an ICIC and *FORTUNE Magazine Inner City 100 Award* (2013 and 2014), and was also recently among the *Boston Business Journal's* 2014 Pacesetters Select 70 Award winners (rank #20) for the second year in a row.

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