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Rock Island District

Virtual Industry Day Presenter Bios



Col. Steven M. Sattinger

Col. Steven M. Sattinger became the Commander and District Engineer of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, headquartered on Arsenal Island in Rock Island, Illinois, on May 24, 2018. Sattinger assumed command of the District after serving as director of the Maneuver Support Battle Lab, part of the Capability Development and Integration Directorate at the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers after receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Penn State University in 1996.



Roger Perk

Roger Perk, P.E. is the Chief of the Engineering and Construction Division for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rock Island District. He oversees project design and construction for numerous navigation, flood risk management, and ecosystem restoration projects and programs. He has 30 years of technical and management experience working with federal, state and local organizations on management and technical issues on the Mississippi and Illinois rivers.



Scott Harris

Scott Harris is the Contracting Division Chief of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, October 1, 2016. Prior to becoming Division Chief, he has served as Business Oversight Branch Chief, Contract Execution Branch Chief and detailed as the Executive Officer for Mr. Stuart Hazlett the USACE Director of Contracting. Scott also serves on the Mississippi Valley Division's Regional PBAC (Program Budget Advisory Committee) and MVR RMB (Regional Management Board). Prior to his service with USACE, Scott served as a contract specialist for TACOM Rock Island and Army Contracting Command – Rock Island.



Ashanti Griffin

Ashanti Griffin began serving as the Deputy of Small Business Programs for the USACE-St. Louis District in August 2020. She provides education and guidance to Small Businesses and District personnel on the ever-changing policies, which allows for all business entities the ability to compete successfully for the District's projects. Additionally, the main responsibility is to be the small business advocate and competition advocate. Prior to joining the St. Louis District, served 10 years as a Contract Specialist at the USACE-Little Rock District, DCMA-Boeing, and Army Contracting Command-Rock Island.



Mike Feldmann

Mike Feldmann began employment with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, in 1985 as an engineering student working at the resident office of the Melvin Price Locks and Dam construction project. Upon graduation from engineering school, Feldmann worked in the construction management field, and later, the engineering management arena for the St Louis District for a total of 25 years managing civil works construction, HTRW remediation, and reconstruction work in Afghanistan. He joined the Programs and Project Management Division in 2014. As chief of the Project Management Branch, he manages the full range of civil works and IIS projects within the St Louis District AOR.



Andrew Leichty

Andrew Leichty serves as the Illinois River Basin Restoration Program Manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, and Project Manager for the Brandon Road Interbasin Project. He has over 19 years of Planning, Project Management and Program Management experience working on numerous flood risk management, navigation and ecosystem restoration projects. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Iowa State University and is a certified Project Management Professional.



Andrew Goodall

Andrew Goodall serves as the program manager for the Navigation and Ecosystem Sustainability Program (NESP) and is a project manager for the Cedar Rapids Flood Risk Management Project. In his early years with the Rock Island District, Goodall worked as an engineer for the Hurricane Storm Damage Risk Reduction projects for New Orleans District, namely West Closure Complex and two West Bank Vicinity projects – a new floodwall, bridge, and sector gate. Following the Hurricane Storm Damage Risk Reduction projects, Andrew worked on flood risk management, navigation operations and maintenance, and lock major rehabilitation projects both in the Rock Island District and throughout the United States.



Chris Thennes

Chris Thennes serves as the Contract Admin Lead for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, Construction Branch. He graduated from Iowa State University in 2007 with a degree in Construction Engineering, then worked in the private sector for a year before moving to the Corps where he has been since 2008. He has been involved in many construction contracts over the years, as a QAR, COR, and ACO.



Nate Gorham

Nate Gorham is the interim Safety Manager in the USACE Rock Island District Safety & Occupational Health Office. He began working for the federal government in 2005 for JMTC (Rock Island Arsenal). In 2007, he transitioned to the Corps of Engineers as a Lock and Dam Operator. Since joining the Corps of Engineers, Gorham has been employed as a Lock and Dam Operator, Shifthead Lock Operator, Assistant Lockmaster, Lockmaster, and Safety Specialist. Additionally, Gorham has been a Diver and Assistant Dive Coordinator for the Rock Island District. He joined the Safety Office in 2018, and some of his primary job duties include site inspections, accident investigations, employee training, and reviewing accident prevention plans and area hazard analyses.



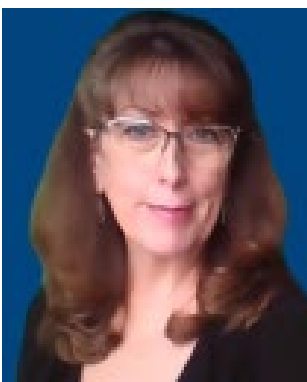
Melissa Barrant

Melissa Barrant is a Government Contracting Specialist for the Iowa Procurement Technical Assistance Center and has nearly 22 years of government and contracting related experience, both as an internal federal stakeholder and an external champion of industry in the contracting market. She served as a federal contracting officer at the Army Contracting Command, Rock Island, and has more than 15 years of federal service. In her duties as a contracting officer and contract specialist, she was responsible for soliciting, awarding, and administering contract requirements for a variety of goods and services for the Department of the Army. She assisted in the Iraq Drawdown and managed the contract for critical security service operations during this time.



Rita Haake

Rita Haake has been the Director of the Illinois Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) since October 1997. Her primary responsibilities include day to day operations of the center and has spent the last 25 years advising clients on local, state and federal government contracting including certifications assistance (WBE/MBE/8a/DBE/SDVOSB/HUBZone), assistance in proposal creation, contract analysis and contract administration.



Jaymie Mitchell

Jaymie Mitchell became a Procurement Specialist with the Missouri Procurement Technical Assistance Center in 2018 after being a client of PTAC for 8 years. Jaymie has over 30 years of business development and marketing experience and 15 of those years in Federal, state and local contracting. She has worked in many different industries such as munitions systems manufacturing, civil engineering, construction, environmental remediation, finance, information technology, hospitality, recreational ski areas, and commercial fishing. Her experience gives her great insight in the process and expectations of government contracting through the lens of private industry as well as the government.