

## Double honors at Women's Transportation Seminar



**Vanessa Rodriguez**, San Juan, Puerto Rico, was appointed as the secretary of the Puerto Rico Geologist Examination Board for a 4-year term. She joined CH2M HILL in October

2007 and is a survey technician and scientist for the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority Compliance Program.



**Bud Ahearn**, Denver, Colorado, received the Golden Eagle Award from the Society of American Military Engineers. SAME recognized Ahearn as a visionary leader in the design

and construction industry and presented him with the award for his innovation and leadership in developing programs to strengthen the engineering profession. Ahearn is also active with Engineers Without Borders and the Civil Engineering Research Foundation.



*Marcy Schwartz, Women's Transportation Seminar's Woman of the Year*

Two distinguished honors were awarded to CH2M HILL at The Women's Transportation Seminar (WTS) annual international conference on May 15 in Atlanta, Georgia. The firm was named the International Employer of the Year, and Marcy Schwartz, senior vice president of the Transportation Business Group, was named Woman of the Year.

"These are tremendous honors for our firm and for Marcy," said Mike Kennedy, TBG president.


WTS, founded in 1977, is an international organization with more than 4,000 members—both women and men—in 42 chapters, representing cities and states in the United States, Canada, and Great Britain. The organization is dedicated to the advancement of women in the transportation industry through professional activities, networking opportunities, and

contact with industry and government leaders.

Schwartz was recognized for her impressive track record of influencing transportation projects and supporting the advancement of women and minorities in the transportation industry. She currently serves as co-chair of the WTS Advisory Board and has been involved with the organization for over 10 years.

"To be recognized this way by my peers is the highest honor I can imagine," Schwartz said. "I will treasure this award as a high point in my career."

A statement released on the WTS Web site stated, "CH2M HILL was recognized for its quality work/professional environment and its ongoing support for WTS. Their values of diversity, inclusion, and quality are closely aligned with the values of WTS. In addition, the company has demonstrated its commitment to WTS through time, talent, and funding." UN Ltd

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## Spartanburg office hosts Polish employees to promote international teamwork

After a 3-month stay in the Spartanburg, South Carolina, office, four employees from CH2M HILL's Krakow, Poland, office returned home with a better appreciation of our company's ability to reach across oceans, borders, continents, and cultures to collaborate on projects around the world.

From February through April, Spartanburg was home to Justyna Wolska and Witold Gwizdala (heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning specialists), Marta Jakubowska (structural engineer), and Agata Rayska (architect).

The idea of the international assignment was conceived by Ruben Robles, who heads operations in Poland, and Steve Murphy, director of design and operations for CH2M HILL's Manufacturing and Life Sciences Business Group. The primary goal was to help the visitors learn more about the firm's tools, processes, and software applications. They could then serve as "ambassadors" back in Krakow, passing their knowledge along to colleagues in their respective disciplines.

During their 3 months in Spartanburg, the Poles were integrated into project teams where they could actively contribute to projects.

"Although our stay in Spartanburg office wasn't long enough to be a part of a whole project execution process, we made a lot out of this assignment," Wolska said. "Now, in our home office, we use knowledge gathered during that 3-month stay in Spartanburg. It was a great experience!" UN Ltd



*The Krakow contingent (from left to right) Justyna Wolska, Agata Rayska, Marta Jakubowska, and Witold Gwizdala.*