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Re: Invitation to Sponsor the Sediment Management Work Group "SMWG"

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

The Sediment Management Work Group "SMWG" is pleased to invite your consideration of sponsorship of our organization in 2010. The SMWG first initiated the sponsorship category of affiliation in 2002.

ROLE OF THE SMWG

As you may be aware, the SMWG is an organization of industry and governmental parties (the U.S. Army and Navy) potentially responsible for sediment issues. The organization also includes membership by industry and trade associations, research organizations and other non-profit or public entities with an interest in contaminated sediments. Our membership now exceeds 40 individual companies or associations. The SMWG has been very successful in carrying out its initiatives, which have been designed to heighten awareness among Federal and state policymakers and regulators of the need for incorporation of sound science and risk-based decision-making principles in development of sediment management strategies.

Three main categories of SMWG initiatives/activities are: (1) Policy/Guidance/Tools; (2) Education/Outreach; and (3) Other Activities. The SMWG's Policy/Guidance/Tools initiatives/activities include commenting on draft guidance, policies, and decisions; participating in workshops such as the "4Rs of Environmental Dredging"; and conducting peer reviews. As part of the SMWG's Education/Outreach initiatives/activities, the SMWG has participated in planning and has co-sponsored several multi-day national workshops/conferences with the U.S. EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; co-sponsored the well-attended "Sediment Remediation Training Course: How Do You Select And Design Options?"; participated on the Steering Committee for the 4th and 5th International Remediation of Contaminated Sediment Conferences sponsored by Battelle; and participated in various technical conferences. Other SMWG activities include Sponsor Forums, Site Tours, Sediment Symposiums, and Technology Transfers Conferences.

2010 MEETINGS

We are pleased to announce two exciting meetings for 2010. In the Spring, the SMWG will sponsor a Joint Conference in which SMWG Sponsors, SMWG Members, regulators, such as U.S. EPA HQ officials and RPMs working on major sediment sites, will be invited to participate. This conference also will be open to various environmental practitioners who work

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on contaminated sediment sites and will be held in Chicago, Illinois on April, 13th and 14th. The SMWG's last Sediment Symposium was held in Alexandria, Virginia in April, 2009 and the last Joint Conference, *Optimizing Decision-Making and Remediation at Complex Sediment Sites*, was conducted in 2008 in New Orleans, LA. Both sessions were very successful meetings, with great exchanges of ideas among industry, consultants, and regulatory agencies. The upcoming Joint Conference will provide another great opportunity to share lessons learned and to exchange ideas. The Joint Conference will be coupled with a traditional reception for SMWG Members and Sponsors.

In the Fall, the SMWG will tour the Fox River site as part of the Fall Sponsor Forum. After having heard so much about the Fox River over the years, we are excited to have the great opportunity to visit the Fox River sediment project and to learn from the full scale dredging. During the Sponsor Forum, Sponsor presentations that are accepted by the Members following a call for abstracts will be made in the joint session between Members and Sponsors.

We view these technical sessions as an excellent opportunity for our Sponsors to showcase their expertise and to provide valuable information about their respective activities and knowledge of critical sediment management issues to the SMWG Members. The SMWG Members benefit from these presentations and this technology exchange.

Please note that although Sponsors are welcome to participate in designated special sessions or other functions, Sponsors do not participate in the business meetings of the SMWG.

For a complete overview of the SMWG and its activities, members, and current Sponsors please feel free to visit our web page at www.smwg.org.

BECOMING A SPONSOR OF SMWG

We elected to create this category of affiliation in recognition that many of you in the consulting/engineering/contracting universe share our objectives and may want to evidence your support through active sponsorship. In addition, our Members often rely on your technical expertise at many sediment sites and we believe that sponsorship may open up new opportunities for collaboration in driving effective sediment management programs. The SMWG believes that Sponsorship is an excellent vehicle for exchange of technology and ideas on critical sediment management issues and policies.

In return for your sponsorship, we will grant you the right to use our logo in your promotional literature and to acknowledge that you are a sponsor of the SMWG. SMWG Sponsors also will have unique opportunities to interact with the SMWG Membership which will include the opportunity to participate in technical sessions and to exclusively promote their capabilities at our annual Sponsor Forums and at SMWG sponsored Workshops. Sponsors also will receive electronic copies of the "*Sediment Alerts*" sent to the Members with up-to-the-minute news of relevant new developments in the sediment management arena.

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At other functions where the SMWG will have a sizable number of Members present, we will provide opportunities for our Sponsors to meet directly and exclusively with our Members. For example, at the Joint Conferences in 2002, 2004 and 2008 (and again in 2010), and at the 2007 and 2009 Battelle International Conferences on Contaminated Sediments, the SMWG hosted a reception for our Sponsors. A Sponsor reception is also held during our SMWG Sponsor Forums.

The Sponsorship Fee is \$5,000. A registration form is enclosed. Your Sponsorship check should be made payable to the "Sediment Management Work Group."

We hope that you will consider becoming a SMWG Sponsor. We believe that teaming up with the SMWG as a Sponsor will provide numerous mutually beneficial opportunities.

Please feel free to call me at (313) 465-7492 or send an e-mail to snadeau@honigman.com, should you have any questions.

Thank you for your interest.

Very truly yours,

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2010 SPONSOR FEES

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AMOUNT: \$5,000.00

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