

Black Construction Corporation Excellence Newsletter

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"Safety Mission Statement"

"To establish, through open communication and a spirit of cooperation from all Black Construction Corporation employees, an environment that promotes and practices safety awareness and achieves a company-wide accident and injury free working environment."

Message from the General Manager

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As we start the New Year, the Black Group of Companies has acquired some new and very exciting work. Beginning in mid December, E.E.Black Philippines was successful in being awarded the new British Embassy located at Fort Bonifacio. The awarded contract value is Php 752,000,000.00 pesos or the equivalent US value of approximately \$15,000,000.00 dollars. We are very fortunate and proud to have been selected by MACE a large British Construction Management firm which has engaged E.E.Black as the prime subcontractor for the project. One significant factor which firmly decided EEB's successful selection was our prior Performance Evaluations on the Swiss, Australian and US Embassy projects. All of these past projects gained "Outstanding" Performance Evaluations in addition to letters of commendation from the owner's representative. Another achievement worthy of mentioning will be E. E. Black's successful completion of the second DELL Call Center in the Eastwood business district in Quezon City.



On the home front, Black Construction continues to acquire new work with contracts being awarded to BCC on the Arresting Gear project at AAFB, the new CARS PLUS facility which include individual Chrysler, Hyundai, and Cycles Plus showrooms. BCC was also the successful bidder on the new "The Home Depot" project. This project, when completed, will be unprecedented for Guam in size, scope and schedule having an overall construction period of 8 months from the commencement of the initial work to substantial completion. We are also awaiting formal notification from the Navy on 3 separate proposals submitted by BCC pending final award. These are very large projects having an aggregate amount of over \$100 million dollars.

We continue to add more qualified staff to our project requirements and will continue to do so as we acquire more work. We are also in the process of needing and hiring craft personnel in all trade categories. Please ensure that you direct anyone you know that is hard working with a positive attitude to our personnel office. BCC will also be recruiting H-2 workers from the Philippines in the future. All employees that have relatives or friends in the Philippines that are construction craftsmen are encouraged to contact our personnel department for further information. Let's all continue to work towards achieving a great 2007 for the Black Group of Companies by first and foremost committing to a stellar Safety Record.

Safety Committee News

As more projects are being acquired, so is the need to increase our current manpower levels. With this expected manpower spike, BCC has begun efforts to recruit competent tradesmen through the H2 program. As a result, the safety committee has voted in favor of instituting an Employee Company badge program. More details to follow.

In other related news, the safety committee has conducted several walk-through inspections at the various job sites. Visited were Alpha/Bravo, Hagatna Wastewater Treatment Plant, Comete Redevelopment Project, Tumon Sands Plaza, Amelco, and here at our industrial facility. Discrepancies were noted and supervisors informed. Prompt actions were taken by the responsible supervisor to ensure that deficiencies were immediately corrected. Positive inputs were also received from several of our skilled workers.



The safety committee encourages employees to speak up or write down any concerns they have regarding safety and health issues. This process can only be successful with the cooperation and assistance from each and every one of you.

Thank you,

Donny David

Safety Committee

Chairperson

Safety Bulletin



<u>Trench Construction Safety</u>: A Caterpillar 3128 crawler mounted backhoe moves large pipe section/spool into trench to construct underground pipe. Workers standing in 8 ft deep trench have no support against sidewall collapse. Worker safety and the law require: (1) Trenches 5 feet (1.5 meters) deep or greater must be supported or sloped back unless the excavation is made entirely in stable rock, and this soil is not stable rock. (2) Workers must have easy, close exit from trenches, which pipes crossing this trench prevent.

When persons will be in or around an excavation, <u>a competent person</u> shall inspect the excavation, adjacent areas and protective systems daily, as needed throughout the work shifts, and after every rainstorm or other hazard-increasing occurrence. (Excert from EM 385-1-1 Sect 25)







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Summary of Injuries

In 2006 we had an average of 268 employees working a total of 469,865 manhours. At the end of the year, we had a total of twenty (20) reportable work-related injuries. Ten (10) of the injuries were recorded as "Lost Time" totalling 103 days away from work. The type of injuries ranged anywhere from a pinched finger to a dislocated shoulder. This year we already have five (5) reportable injuries, fortunately none of which are "Lost Time".

As we continue to grow our skilled labor force to meet project requirements, we must not forget our corporate philosophy that "No phase of construction or administration is of greater importance to the overall corporate objectives than our commitment to provide the best possible working conditions for all Black Construction Corporation employees".

2006 LOST TIME / INJURY STATISTICAL BOARD

PROJECT	<u>QTR</u>	# OF INJURIES	LOST TIME (DAYS)	TYPE OF INJURY SUSTAIN
Duty Free (ARMANI)] st	01	05	Foreign Object in Left Eye
Sheet Metal Shop] st	01	00	Forehead
BCC Compound	1 st	01	00	Right Leg Laceration
Main Office Maintenance	1 st	01	00	Swollen Left Hand
COMETE	2^{nd}	01	00	Left Hand Laceration
Urunao Point	2 nd	01	00	Head & Left Arm Lacerations
Welding Shop	2 nd	01	<mark>60</mark>	Pinched Middle Right Finger
Mechanic Shop	2 nd	01	<mark>05</mark>	Head Injury From Fall
AMELCO	2^{nd}	01	<mark>04</mark>	Dislocated Right shoulder
Main Officer Maintenance	2^{nd}	01	<mark>04</mark>	Sprained Left Hand
GWA Hagatna STP	2^{nd}	01	00	Back Pain
	2^{nd}	01	<mark>05</mark>	Right Foot Injury From Nails
	3 rd	01	<mark>14</mark>	Swollen Right Foot
	3 rd	01	<mark>02</mark>	Swollen Left Middle Finger
	4 th	01	<mark>02</mark>	Lower Back Pain
Tumon Sands Plaza	3 rd	01	00	Foreign Object in Right Eye
Alpha / Bravo Wharf Improvement	3 rd	01	00	Back Pain
	3 rd	01	00	Swollen Left Knee
	4 th	01	02	Head Injury From Fall
Mechanic Shop	4 th	01	00	Left Foot Injury
	TOTALS:	20	103	



On December 12, 2006, a verificiation inspection was conducted by OSHA in accordance with the "Guam Safe" Partnership Agreement between the Guam Contractor's Association and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The inspection included a comprehensive review of our safety and health program and a walk-through of our facility as well as a jobsite safety inspection at Alpha Bravo Wharf Improvement Project to ensure that all elements of the Agreement were being met. Several interviews were conducted with employees only to confirm that our safety and health program and initiatives were in fact working. No serious hazards were revealed during their inspection.

On February 27, 2007, we received an official letter from the Acting Regional Administrator in San Francisco, Mr. Christopher Lee, congratulating Black Construction Corporation for its commitment to the Partnership and for maintaining an exemplary safety and health program. This achievement is once again a direct result of the top-down commitment and positive cultural attitude to safety here at Black Construction Corporation.

Congratulations to everyone!

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Birthdays

Alice D. Valencia 01 Feb Francisco Q. Mendiolo 03 Feb Dwaine R. Sarmiento 04 Feb Ernesto F. Picayo Mark J. Mamezarz Eulalio A. Acob Edna D. Lopez/ Dawna C. Balgame 13 Feb Joel E. De Vega 13 Feb 15 Feb Abel O. Marucut 15 Feb Faustino C. Titan Rose Mirinda Felipe 16 Feb Virgilio U. Nierras 17 Feb Domingo Canlas 18 Feb Elmer B. Espino 18 Feb Jesse P. Pangelinan 20 Feb Willy A. Bernal 24 Feb Inocencio Aflague 26 Feb

Juanito S. Gombio 05 Mar Salvador L. Bejado 06 Mar Paliiun O. Nena 09 Mar Wilfredo A. Lazatin 10 Mar Gildegardo N. Nones 13 Mar Mellanie C. Marges 14 Mar Jaime F. Bismonte 14 Mar 15 Mar Roger M. Dulay 15 Mar Alexander B. Rupido William C. Quinata 17 Mar Angel O. Tandoc 19 Mar Antonio Q De Dios 20 Mar Marlon D. Mortera 22 Mar Michael T. Riveira 22 Mar Matthew Primacio 23 Mar Benchito R. Herrera 27 Mar Leogardo Fausto 28 Mar Reynaldo S. Gambala 29 Mar Rolando M. Fernando 30 Mar Francisco R. Ulloa, Jr. 30 Mar Joseph L. Leasiolagi 31 Mar Gloria S. Opena 31 Mar

Romeo R. Rivo 02 Apr Federico M. Mendiola 04 Apr Richard A. Francisco 05 Apr Guillermo A. Domingo 06 Apr 06 Apr Judy L. Ramos 08 Apr Eduardo L. Ocampo Harry S. Egtapen 10 Apr Raymundo E. Montoya 11 Apr Julio S. De Vega 12 Apr Reynaldo D. Cajigal 12 Apr Redentor F. Soriano 13 Apr Aisek A. Primo 13 Apr Orlando S. Najadera, Jr. 15 Apr Eufemio F. Baes 15 Apr Liwis Soutmataw 16 Apr Michelle A. Cepeda 17 Apr Marcus Ionis 23 Apr Rudy A. Villagomez 24 Apr Rogelio U. Lopez 26 Apr Socrates La Madrid 29 Apr Dante A. Dela Rosa 30 Apr

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25 May

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Leoncio V. Paez 01 Jun Cecilio O. Tandoc 07 Jun Rodrigo F. Bismonte 07 Jun Angelito Salcepuedes 08 Jun Noel R. De Jesus 08 Jun Cipriano Medrano, Jr. 11 Jun Herminigildo M. Pablo 13 Jun 14 Jun Leo Dedicatoria Reynaldo Delos Santos 14 Jun Enderko Diopulos 14 Jun Mark G. Dave 15 Jun Benbert Belmes 15 Jun 18 Jun Vont Kent A. Malubay Osikardo Soswe 20 Jun Donovan Leon Guerrero 21 Jun John C. Abad 23 Jun Romeo T. Mitra 24 Jun Thomas E. Anderson 24 Jun Joselito O. Gutierrez 26 Jun Alberto G. Collera 29 Jun Benjamin M. Salas 30 Jun

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April 7

July 4

July 20

August 4

September 3

December 1

November 22, 23

May 28

Upcoming Events & Holidays







2nd Qtr BCC Golf Tournament

Memorial Day

Independence Day

Liberation Day

3rd Qtr BCC Golf Tournament

Labor Day

Thanksgiving

4th Qtr BCC Golf Tournament







KUDOS!



OPERATION RED HORSE

Thanks to the "Black Op's" team who handled "Operation Red Horse" for Anderson Air Force Base. Black Construction Corporation was hired by "American Cargo Transport" from Houston Texas to handle the transportation of 102 pieces of various types of Military quarry equipment from the Port Authority of Guam to AAFB which was brought in from South Korea for the Military Construction Battalion quick reaction force. BCC transported all of the 102 pieces of equipment safely, on time, and without incident.

Big "Hooyah" to Donny David, Harry Higa, Socrates La Madrid and Dante Rebujio for the excellent ground coordination and Supervision. "High fives" to Wensner Esiel, Oscar Sosue, Tony Arriola, Bert Borja, Alvin Cruz, Laurence Galvez, the Mendiola brothers, Edwin Sarrosa, Rey Vesperas and all of the others who worked behind the scenes to help make this operation a true success. MTR

OUTSTANDING ACHEIVEMENT!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Mr. Joseph L. Leasiolagi for successfully passing the Contruction Health and Safety Technician (CHST) examination on Tuesday February 20, 2007. Joe now joins an elite group of four CHST's currently on island.

To give everyone an idea of just how difficult this process was, the candidate must first meet several prequalifying requirements in the areas of work experience and education/training. Once the Council on Certification of Health, Environmental and Safety Technologists (CCHEST) declares you eligible, you are given information as to the location of the Prometric Testing Center and the date and time to take the examination. The test is divided into four domains consisting of Program Management (29%), Worksite Auditing (40%), Training (27%) and Professional Responsibility (4%). The candidate is given four hours to complete the closed book examination witch consists of 200 multiple-choice items, each with four possible answers.



Mr. Leasiolagi's unlimited amount of energy, enthusiasm and utmost passion to our safety program, exemplifies his true conviction in everything he sets out to do. All the hard work and sleepless nights have finally paid off.

COMPETENT PERSON DIRECTORY

The following is a list of BCC employees who have successfully completed training in the various competencies described below.

EXCAVATION	Competency	<u>Name</u>	<u>Requirements</u>	<u>Date Trained</u>
25.A.02	EXCAVATION	Augustus De Leon	25.A.02	2002 & 2006
25.A.02		Leo Unas	25.A.02	2002 & 2006
Subsection 06.1 (Mechanical)		Danilo N. Mendoza	25.A.02	2002 & 2006
TRAINED PRISONNEL ONLY		Leo Unas	Subsection 06.1 (Mechanical)	2002 & 2006
11.A.01 "Qualified Person" 2002, 2004, 2006	TRAINED	Ariel Simpao	Subsection 06.1 (Electrical)	2002 & 2006
EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05 Augustus De Leon OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05 Leo Unas OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05 Faustino C. Titan OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05 Noel A. Infante OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05 Noel A. Infante OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05 Noel A. Infante OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05 OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05	ELECTRICAL	Roger Dulay		2002 & 2006
EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05 Leo Unas OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L 2004 & 2006 EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05 Faustino C. Titan OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L 2002 & 2006 EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05 Noel A. Infante OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L 2004 & 2006 EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05 Alberto Guevarra OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L 2004 & 2006 EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05	SCAFFOLDS	Danilo N. Mendoza	EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para	2002, 2004, 2006
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EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05 Alberto Guevarra OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L 2002 & 2006 EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para		Faustino C. Titan	EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para	2002 & 2006
EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para		Noel A. Infante	EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para	2004 & 2006
		Alberto Guevarra		2002 & 2006
Robert De La Cruz OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05		Robert De La Cruz	EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para	2002 & 2006
Dante T. Abucay OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05		Dante T. Abucay	EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para	2004 & 2006

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Competency	<u>Name</u>	<u>Requirements</u>	<u>Date Trained</u>
SCAFFOLDS (continued)	Sandy T. Aquino	OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05	2004 & 2006
	Ramcel D. Felipe	OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05	2002 & 2006
	Placido M. Encarnacion	OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05	2002 & 2006
	Eufe <mark>mio F. Baes</mark>	OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05	2004 & 2006
	Aure <mark>lio Calbang</mark>	OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05	2002 & 2006
	Felix <mark>Dela Umbria</mark>	OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05	2002 & 2006
	Dante A. De La Rosa	OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05	2004 & 2006
	Florencio A. Bautista, Jr.	OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05	2002 & 2006
	Aelred Pulwog	OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05	2002 & 2006
	Alfredo G. Quilantang Jr.	OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05	2004 & 2006
	John Abad	OSHA 29 CFR 1926, Subpart L EM 385-1-1, Section 22, Para 22.A.05	2002 & 2006
RIGGING	Domingo Canlas	EM 385-1-1, Section 15, Para 15.A.01 OSHA 29 CFR, Subpart H	2004 & 2006

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Industry News



On January 25, 2007 Black Construction Corporation received the award to construct the \$21M Home Depot Store #1710 in Tamuning. Mobilization commenced January 29, 2007 and substantial completion is slated for September 5, 2007. **Targeted Grand opening November 15, 2007!!!**

This new facility is just over 150,000 square feet of retail and garden center outlet on the land adjacent to the Guam International Airport. The Guam outlet is one of the largest stores of The Home Depot Chain as a typical store is usually 120,000 SF. Our work includes tilt-up pre-cast walls with an open web joist/metal deck, roof panel's, concrete topping and the tolerances on the floor finishes are such that the Home Depot floors will be the flattest on the Island. The work also includes construction of a new access bridge with highway improvements

including traffic control signals, sidewalks, and asphalt parking lot paving for over 700 cars!

The Home Depot is the leader in home improvement/building material center whose store chains spread throughout the US, Hawaii, Canada and they have recently acquired a chain in mainland China which will be converted to Home Depots. The store provides about 30,000 product lines stemming from appliances, home improvement items, hand tools, outdoor equipment and much more. The public is very excited about having this store on Guam and is anxiously awaiting the opening. Some have even joked to say that they will camp out at the doors or sidewalks to be the first in the store once it opens!

This project has already received a lot of media coverage to date and we expect more publicity as the project progresses. So as the Black Construction "**HOME**" team, stand proud as you are indeed a part of this new development on Guam. We will work together to provide our client, The Home Depot, with a quality project on time. **BRJ**

Accolades

The ASCE Hawaii Section annually recognizes an exemplary civil engineering project as the Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement (OCEA). This prestigious award recognizes the project that best illustrates superior civil engineering skills and represents a significant contribution to civil engineering progress and society. After an on-hand presentation by Mr. Leonard Kaae back in October of 2006, Black Construction Corporation, on behalf of the Hangar Design Build Team, was selected as the 2006 ASCE award recipient.





Accepting the 2006 OCEA Award for the Design-Build AEF FOL Aircraft Maintenance Hangar Project are members of Black Construction Corporation's design/built team (I-r) Ben Zhou, Alfred Yee, Brenda Balbin



Guess Who?





























































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Happy Easter to our BCC Family!



From: Management

Symbol of Excellence



Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success.

Everyone Deserves A Future!

Words of Wisdom

Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what others think you are.