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## From the Director

# "Raising the Bar" Toward a Performance-based Transportation Agency

**By John L. Craig**

Director, Nebraska Department of Roads



**John L. Craig**

*Are we what we have to be or are we what we can be?*

Regardless, the future will be what we make it. It is not overstated to say the Nebraska Department of Roads has built Nebraska. This thread continues to the present from our beginnings as the first state agency in 1895. We are building Nebraska today and we will in the future. Transportation enables economic growth, the quality of our lives, and society in general. In Nebraska, this is about roads.

We have just published one of the largest surface transportation programs in Nebraska's history. We have done this with fewer personnel; improved equipment and fleet; increased use of salt and brine; contracted mowing; improved planning, design and construction; increased preventive and reactive maintenance; increased use of technology to facilitate communication and operating the system; one of the most competitive bidding environments in the state's history; and deliberate efforts to work together better internally and externally with our many partners including our Nebraska Congressional delegation and state senators. We will continue to seek opportunities to reduce our costs and increase our results. Doing more with less in time and space is a reality that will never end.

We have charted a course for continuous improvement, but there will also continue to be challenges as well as opportunities. We will adapt and overcome these challenges and optimize the opportunities. We have enjoyed improvements in many areas, but we must increase improvements in safety, especially in highway safety in and out of construction zones. There is simply nothing worth injury or death of our employees, our partners or the traveler.

"You lead people and manage things, but it's all about people. But if you don't measure it you can't manage it. But, it's still all about people." In this regard we must continue to develop leadership within the department, improve work force development, build the team and develop partnerships in addition to strategically using Asset Management (an extension of engineering economics and traditional financial analysis) to optimize the allocation of our resources. These are the hallmarks of a 21st century transportation agency.

Finally, the Nebraska Department of Roads is a world-class organization of world-class people. We must all seek ways to improve our performance, our image and those of our partners. We're all in this together. There is a common adage that says, "an organization's greatest asset is its people." That's not right. Our most important asset is the right people. As such, there is nothing we will do in the future that is more important than retaining and improving the trust of the people we serve—the Nebraska taxpayer. With our core values of safety, integrity and quality, we are building Nebraska's future.

Thank you for the work you do, and I look forward to another great year. Best wishes to you and your families for a safe and happy new year! ♦





The new Sutherland pedestrian overpass is the first of its kind in western Nebraska.

# Sutherland Viaduct and Pedestrian Overpass Offer Safe Access

**Sutherland's new viaduct on Nebraska Highway 25 has been completed and is carrying traffic. The new viaduct spans both U.S. Highway 30 and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. In addition to the new two-lane viaduct, an adjacent pedestrian overpass that spans the railway tracks is nearly completed.**

"The pedestrian overpass is one of the first of its kind in western Nebraska," according to NDOR Project Manager Rich Morrell, of North Platte. "This walkway presented several design issues that were addressed during construction. Modifications have been made to future projects with similar walkways based on the changes necessary to this walkway."

Morrell said the pedestrian overpass is in compliance

with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, and will be fully lighted upon completion. The walkway is located on the west side of the old Highway 25 railroad crossing, and cost \$916,000.

The viaduct eliminates any delays for traffic and emergency service vehicles due to blocked crossings. The walkway provides safe pedestrian passage over the railroad tracks. Two

at-grade railroad crossings were closed as a result of this project. A ribbon cutting was held for the new viaduct on August 29. There is some work yet to be done on the walkway.

TransSYSTEMS Corporation of Omaha designed the pedestrian overpass. Sam Fallaha, Design Section Leader in NDOR's Bridge Division, designed the viaduct. The prime contractor for this project was Capital Contractors, Inc. of Lincoln, at a cost of \$4,410,332. Chuck Kedleck was the project supervisor for Capital Contractors.

NDOR inspectors for this project were Construction Tech 2 Doug Gertsch and Construction Tech I Darrell O'Neal. Congressman Tom Osborne was instrumental in obtaining \$2 million in federal funds for this project. ♦



**Upper right** - The two-lane viaduct on Nebraska Highway 25 at Sutherland eliminates traffic delays due to blocked crossings.

**Right** - The Nebraska Highway 25 approach to the newly completed viaduct at Sutherland.





# Engineering Pool Program Emphasizes Field Experience

**By Linda M. Wilson**  
Communication Division

Discussions among management at NDOR's central headquarters and in the districts regarding work force development have often revolved around a common dilemma: how to attract and retain more field engineers. According to John Jacobsen, NDOR Deputy Director of Operations, the new Engineering Pool Program is designed to gradually turn this situation around.

Jacobsen said the Engineering Pool Program, implemented in June, evolved after almost three years of brainstorming, discussions and planning on how to meet the need for engineers with field experience. He noted that the District Engineers deserve the credit for the initial idea, and together with the Division Heads the final plan was developed.

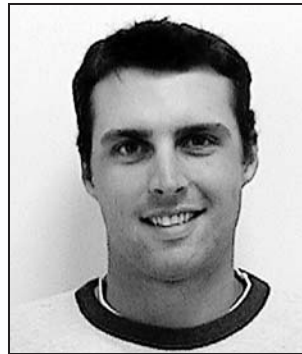
District Engineers developed a two-year field-training program designed to expose new engineers to the major

activities associated with highway construction, including preliminary surveying, construction surveying and construction inspection. According to Jacobsen, this exposure will provide experience and knowledge that are desirable for advancement within the department.

The efforts of Sue Larson, Human Resources Division Administrator, were integral to the process, as it was necessary to create a pool of vacancies in the field for program participants.



**District 1 - Niki Figard**  
**Hometown:** Lincoln, NE  
**Schools Attended:** UNL  
**Year Graduated & Degree:** May 2003, B.S. in Civil Engineering  
**Future Goals:** Uncertain



**District 2 - Adam Sleeper**  
**Hometown:** Fort Collins, CO  
**Schools Attended:** Colorado State University  
**Year Graduated & Degree:** December 2002, B.S. in Civil Engineering  
**Future Goals:** Obtain P.E. license and go into design for either District 2 or District 1.



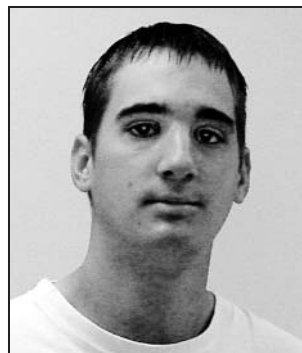
**District 2 - Jeremy Miller**  
**Hometown:** Omaha, NE  
**Schools Attended:** UNO  
**Year Graduated & Degree:** May 2003, B.S. in Civil Engineering  
**Future Goals:** Become a licensed engineer and maybe go back to school for a master's degree.



**District 3 - Kris Fornoff**  
**Hometown:** Lincoln, NE  
**Schools Attended:** Midland Lutheran College, undergraduate; UNL, graduate  
**Year Graduated & Degree:** 1993, B.S. in Mathematics and Natural Sciences; 1998, M.S. in Industrial Engineering.  
**Future Goals:** Attain P.E. license and take additional classes and training courses in engineering. Hope to build a long and rewarding career with NDOR.



**District 2 - Bob Rankin**  
**Hometown:** Eagle, NE  
**Schools Attended:** Wichita University  
**Year Graduated & Degree:** May 1997, B.S. in Mechanical Engineering  
**Future Goals:** Work towards acquiring P.E. license.



**District 4 - Alan Swanson**  
**Hometown:** Columbus, NE  
**Schools Attended:** Central Community College at Platte; UNL  
**Year Graduated & Degree:** August 2003, B.S. in Civil Engineering  
**Future Goals:** Become a licensed engineer with a focus in Traffic.

Initially, a pool of six positions was created, with positions contributed by the districts and divisions. According to Larson, this process was completed without creating any new full-time equivalent (FTE) positions.

The six positions are currently located in Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4. To ensure fairness, Larson said pool applicants were asked to name their top three choices of districts. The person who scored highest in the interview was given the first selection, the second highest received the next selection, and the process continued until all positions were filled.

After completing the two-year program, participants may select a district or division they choose to relocate to and every effort will be made to meet their request. To accomplish this, Larson said a system was developed in which a position that moved to a district or division after the two-year program completion would be paid back to the pool from that division or district the next time a vacancy became available.

Both Jacobsen and Larson emphasized the Engineering Pool Program would not have been possible without great cooperation

from NDOR divisions and districts in donating positions to this pool. They agreed it was a team effort and a "win-win" situation for everyone.

While it is still too early to tell, Jacobsen is optimistic that the program will generate more engineers with valuable field experience. He noted, "The bottom line is to give these engineers the field experience that will help them in their careers."

If the pool program proves successful, Jacobsen said he would like to add two more positions. He would also like to see the program expand into Districts 5, 6, 7 and 8. Since recruiting efforts aren't confined to Nebraska, he noted some of these districts might be attractive to potential applicants in surrounding states.

While participants have been in their respective districts for a short time, several supervisors already had highly favorable comments about their pool participants and about the program.

District 3 Engineer Kris Winter said their pool engineer, Kris Fornoff, "has exceeded our expectations by leaps and bounds." Winter said Fornoff has already been assigned a small county bridge project to gain project

management experience, which usually comes after about two years of experience in the field.

District 4's assessment of pool engineer Alan Swanson was also very good. Assistant Construction Engineer Dennis Heermann said their district believes the NDOR Engineering Pool Program is beneficial and they hope it continues. He said, "We feel it is good people management to have entry-level engineers in the field performing hands-on duties. This type of experience can only benefit all parties involved."

All of the pool participants say they have learned a lot and are enjoying their experience in the field. Alan Swanson noted, "With every new day, experiences in the field (both good and bad) are helping me in my present and future career as an engineer." Niki Figard of District 1 said, "I like the challenge of learning the construction aspects of transportation engineering." Kris Fornoff commented, "Overall the Engineering Pool Program serves to give the engineer a more complete understanding of road and bridge construction from start to finish... the process is very rewarding." ♦



## NDOR Wins AASHTO Photo Contest Honors

The Nebraska Department of Roads received a second place award in the inaugural AASHTO "Faces of Transportation" photography contest. The theme for the contest was safety. NDOR received a congratulatory letter from John Horsley, AASHTO's Executive Director, and a check for \$500.

The photo, taken by NDOR photographer Jay Bailey, shows a passenger on a Lincoln StarTran handi-van route being assisted by a StarTran driver, who is securing her wheelchair to the floor. According to Horsley, the photo of the transit rider has drawn many complimentary remarks while on display in the AASHTO offices in Washington, D.C.

Horsley noted, "It exemplifies the hard work—and the human element—in transportation... We were delighted to have such a fine and creative entry to bestow with an award in this contest." ♦

# NDOR Receives Interstate 80 Environmental Review Award

The Nebraska Department of Roads was recently recognized by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for their efforts in completing a successful environmental review of a 35-mile stretch of the Interstate 80 corridor from the Platte River to just west of Lincoln.

A plaque was presented to Representative Doug Bereuter at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., and local FHWA officials presented the plaque to NDOR Director John Craig and Deputy Directors Monty Fredrickson and John Jacobsen at central headquarters in Lincoln.

According to Cindy Veys, Environmental Section Manager for the Planning and Project Development Division at NDOR, the environmental review came about after several important steps were taken that helped prevent delays on the six-lane expansion of the roadway, while ensuring environmental protections.

On September 18, 2002, President George W. Bush signed an Executive Order to enhance environmental stewardship and streamline the decision-making process in connection with major transportation projects. As a result, a Cabinet-level task force was formed to ensure projects were not unnecessarily held up by inefficient review procedures. Governor Mike Johanns nominated Nebraska's I-80 project, which was one of 70 transportation construction projects nominated for the expedited environmental review by governors from around the country.

Veys said the I-80 project was nominated primarily because of its regional and national importance as a key link in the national interstate transportation network, as well as the need to overcome the effect of project



Local FHWA representatives present an environmental review award to NDOR. Pictured, l to r, NDOR Deputy Director John Jacobsen; FHWA Assistant Division Administrator Peter Hartman; NDOR Director John Craig; FHWA Division Administrator William Brownell; and NDOR Deputy Director Monty Fredrickson.

delays that occurred during the development of the project. These delays were related to the I-80 project's effects on a rare saline wetland in northern Lancaster County. The project also crosses the Platte River, which has been designated by federal wildlife officials as a critical habitat for the endangered piping plover.

Veys said NDOR has worked closely on the project with several agency partners, including the FHWA, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission (NGPC), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ), in attempts to streamline environmental reviews.

On February 27, 2003, it was announced that the Nebraska I-80 project was one of six projects named to the project priority list, bringing the total number of selected projects to 13.

According to Veys, designating this I-80 corridor helped ensure environ-

mental concerns surrounding the project would be addressed in an expedited manner, minimizing costly delays.

"Once the nomination was selected, these actions helped bring together agencies with a resolve and a focus to complete the environmental review document," Veys said.

Deputy Director Monty Fredrickson recognized efforts of NDOR employees who contributed to the document's completion at the Quarterly Rewards and Recognition Ceremonies on October 31. Those recognized included: Rich Ruby, District 1 Engineer; Roadway Design - Ron Hansen, Dean Schmidt, Jim Grupe, Dick Gray, Eldon Poppe, Terry Gibson, Mike Owen, Brian Johnson, Jeff Johnston, Eric Dixon, Erika Fjelstad, Kevin Donahoo, Cindy Shockey, Christian Davenport, Paul Knievel; Planning and Project Development - Art Yonkey, Cindy Veys, Mark Ottemann, Audra Pacheco, Jon Barber, Jason Jurgens, Leonard Sand, Steve Schmidt; Steve Duecker and Carol Wienhold. ♦



# Lewis & Clark Survey Markers Installed at Fort Atkinson

On September 19, Deputy State Surveyor Gene Thomsen and fellow members of the Professional Surveyors Association of Nebraska placed two Lewis and Clark Memorial survey markers at Fort Atkinson, Nebraska. They placed a 12-inch and a 4-inch brass cap replica of the Lewis and Clark peace medal.

Thomsen said the 12-inch cap was established along a walkway leading to life-size bronze statues, which represents the first meetings with Lewis and Clark and the Native American Indian leaders from the Otoe and Missouri tribes. The 4-inch cap was placed at the location of the control point that was used for the archeological digs and improvements at Fort Atkinson. It is located about 600 feet southeast of the large cap.

According to Thomsen, 12-inch diameter holes were drilled and filled with concrete for both caps, 51 inches deep for the 12-inch cap and 53 inches deep for the 4-inch cap. Forms were

set for a 3-foot by 4-foot concrete slab, which was poured around the large cap and will provide a place for a future memorial plaque. Thomsen said he plans to use a Global Positioning System (GPS) to locate the points of the two caps, and he will place the latitude and longitude on the plaque, as well as the number of miles west and north from the origin of the Corps of Discovery, which is Thomas Jefferson's home, Monticello.

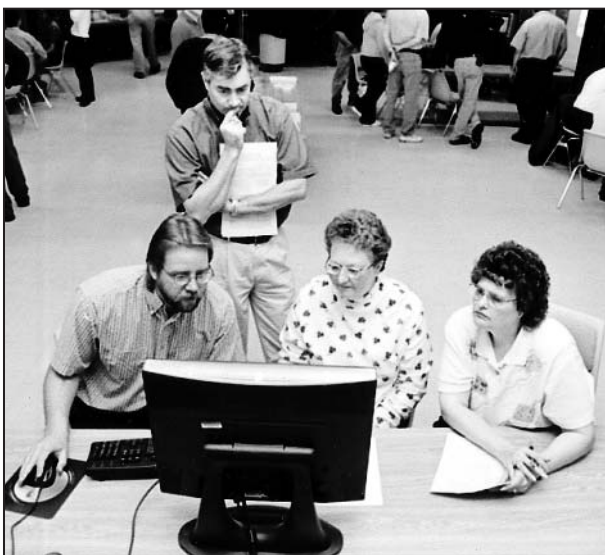
Next year, the commemorative survey markers will be dedicated at the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial "Signature Event," which will be held July 31-August 3. The "Signature Event" will feature



From l to r, Rex Heiden, Registered Land Surveyor, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission; Jim Richardson, State Geodetic Advisor, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); and Gene Thomsen, Deputy State Surveyor are shown with the newly completed concrete forms containing the 12-inch Lewis and Clark survey marker.

entertaining and educational activities at Fort Atkinson State Historical Park near Fort Calhoun and at Omaha's Elmwood Park. ♦

## GIS Day Activities Showcase Real-World Technology



Mike Niedermeyer, GIS Section Programmer, demonstrates the NECTAR program to Alan Brown, Traffic Engineering; Mary Neben and Judy Kelly, Communication, during GIS Day open house activities.

On November 17, the GIS Section of the Information Systems Division sponsored activities in the NDOR central headquarters auditorium, with the goal of assisting employees in making better decisions with current data in an easy-to-use format. GIS applications showcased during the open house included:

- **NECTAR** (Nebraska Enterprise Centerline Transportation Attribute Resources) – A GIS intranet decision support tool, which allows the user to query multiple databases and map the results.
- **Digilog** – web-based photos of the highway system.
- **MapPublisher** – software used to publish the State Highway Map.
- **MADDOG** (Menu Aided Display of Digital Maps or GIS Products) – A Visual Basic program that displays various maps produced by the GIS Section.
- **IHI** (Integrated Highway Inventory) – database of roadway classifications, locations, characteristics and project history plus the Nebraska Highway Reference Post Logbook.
- **NATPS** (Nebraska Automated Truck Permitting System).
- **HDM** (Hydrology Data Management) – hydrology information of bridge projects and links to bridge clearance information.
- **Database for Environmental Studies** – Demonstration of threatened and endangered species, soils, wetlands and other environmental layers.
- **Traffic Modeling** – GIS database foundation for the statewide traffic model.

# State Road Crews Leverage Technology to Wrestle Winter Weather

**When winter weather sweeps through Nebraska, the Department of Roads' snow removal fleet stands ready to meet the challenge. With a combination of high-tech and traditional tools at their disposal, the department continues to build upon the latest innovations to lessen winter's blast.**

This is the third year Nebraska's statewide 511-telephone system is available to provide 24-hour-a-day, year-round traveler information. By dialing 511 on their cellular telephone or landline telephone, motorists will be able to access the quickest, most up-to-date information about weather conditions, road conditions and travel advisories. Callers outside of Nebraska may dial 800-906-9069. The 511 system is also available on the Internet at [www.nebraskatransportation.org](http://www.nebraskatransportation.org).

New this year, automatic speech recognition (ASR) was activated September 23. Callers now have the option of using their voice or keypad to make selections while using 511. For example, a report can be requested for Interstate 80 by saying "Interstate 80" or by entering the number and the "#" sign. With this feature, callers can use the latest technology to help them reach their destination safely.

Nebraska's 511 system provides information for Nebraska and South Dakota highways. Phone numbers are provided for accessing Wyoming, Colorado and Iowa traveler information.

Remote weather information system (RWIS) towers are located along roadways throughout the state. Instruments on the towers collect valuable information, including wind speed, temperature, humidity, barometric pressure, precipitation, pavement and subsurface pavement conditions. This information is relayed by telephone line to NDOR maintenance crew computers about every 30 minutes during winter. Crews

are able to respond more quickly with de-icing materials as well as tailor the applications to the conditions of the road, enhancing safety and efficiency.

De-icing systems are in place on bridges in several districts, including District 4 (Grand Island), District 5 (Scottsbluff) and District 6 (North Platte). Because of the ability to pre-treat the pavement, these bridge de-icing systems have proven helpful in preventing accidents and are especially effective for frost conditions.

The department plans continued use of liquid chemical processes for frost, ice and snow control on roadways. Maintenance crews will use several liquid chemicals on the roadways, including salt brine and agricultural-based products mixed with magnesium chloride. These products prevent snow and ice from bonding to the pavement surface, or they may be applied as de-icing materials to help remove ice and snow buildup on the roadway.

Some districts plan to expand their anti-icing/de-icing operations in selected areas. According to Chris Ford, District Maintenance Superintendent for District 5 (Scottsbluff), "Our district had excellent results with use of salt brine last winter and we are looking forward to expanding the program." Ford noted that brine trucks would be located in several new areas this winter. District 5 also plans to meet salt storage needs with the addition of a temporary salt storage building at Chadron.

Again this year, changeable message signs will be positioned along Interstate 80 from Kimball to Omaha and on other highways throughout Nebraska, alerting motorists of immediate and/or upcoming closures.

Nine new dynamic message signs (DMS) will be placed at locations along the Interstate 80 corridor throughout central and western Nebraska to assist motorists. The electronic message signs are constructed over the Interstates and notify drivers of construction, lane and road closures, accidents and

inclement weather. Signs are also part of the Amber Alert system. Last year, DMS were installed at nine locations on the Interstate system in the Omaha metro area. Six additional signs are planned for the Omaha area within the next two years.

Real-time weather and road information is available on the Roads Department website, [www.nebraska.transportation.org](http://www.nebraska.transportation.org) by clicking on the "511" icon at the bottom of the home page. Various weather links are also available on the website by clicking on the heading "Road Reports & Travel Info." Information about 511 can also be obtained by clicking on [www.safetravelusa.com](http://www.safetravelusa.com).

Travelers are reminded to follow basic rules of the road for winter driving conditions, including making sure their vehicle is tuned up, traveling at reduced speeds, leaving extra space between vehicles and always buckling up. When planning a trip, travelers are advised to check the weather forecast for their planned destination. Remember: "If the snow is blowing, should you be going?" ♦

## Year-Round Nebraska Traveler Information



Dial from anywhere in Nebraska,  
cell phone or landline.

If outside Nebraska (800)906-9069.

Short-term, route specific weather  
forecasts and road condition  
reports for state highways.

- ✓ Stay Safe When You Drive.  
Wear Your Safety Belt.
- ✓ Use your cell phone responsibly.  
Don't dial and drive. Find a safe  
place to stop.
- ✓ Stay 100 feet behind snowplows.  
Pass only with extreme caution.
- ✓ If snow is blowing, should you be  
going? Don't Push It!



# Service Awards

**Congratulations** to these dedicated individuals for their work and continued service with the Department of Roads. They celebrate their service dates in *December* and *January*.

## 50 Years

Osvalds Bumanis, Bridge

## 40 Years

Gloria Northern, Communication

## 30 Years

John Huls, District 3  
Arthur Ma, Roadway Design  
Dennis Mathers, District 6  
Larry Sharp, District 8

## 20 Years

Gene Ells, District 4  
Jeffrey Frasc, District 3  
Richard Huhman, District 6  
Mark Klingelhofer, District 4  
Timothy Koenig, District 3  
Larry Murphy, District 4  
Charles Schwanke, District 2  
Donald White, District 6

## 10 Years

Ernest Buhr, District 5  
John Gjersvik Jr., District 2  
Larry Hoiun, Information Systems  
Michael Jenson, District 6  
Marty Lashley, District 5  
Michael Sklenar, District 1

## A Rewarding Thought

*"Once employees see what they do makes a difference to the organization and is valued, they will perform at higher levels."*

- Rita Numerof, President  
Numerof & Associates

**Brought to you by the Rewards  
& Recognition Agency Panel.**

Nomination forms can be found on the Intranet at <http://www.dor.state.ne.us> on the Human Resources page.

# Rewards & Recognition

July, August, September 2003

## Employees & Managers of the Quarter

### Employees

### Managers

#### District 1

**Brenda Yung**  
Staff Assistant  
Lincoln

None

#### District 2

**George Collins**  
Construction Technician  
Omaha

**Rick Fisher**  
Project Manager  
Omaha

#### District 3

**James Carney**  
Construction Technician  
Columbus

**Warren Racely**  
Hwy. Maint. Superintendent  
Columbus

#### District 4

**John F. Brown**  
Construction Technician  
Grand Island

**Allen Horak**  
District Maint. Superintendent  
Grand Island

#### District 5

**John Cooper**  
Auto/Diesel Mechanic  
Bridgeport

None

#### District 6

**Gerald Barnum**  
Hwy. Maintenance Worker  
Stapleton

**Chet Smith**  
Striping Supervisor  
North Platte

#### District 7

**Rick Reiners**  
Auto/Diesel Mechanic  
McCook

None

#### District 8

**Susan Hoover**  
Staff Assistant  
Ainsworth

**Larry Rau**  
Project Manager  
Ainsworth

#### Central Headquarters

**Linda Soulliere**  
Accounting Clerk  
Controller

**Connie Heiser**  
Accountant III  
Controller

**Ray Hurd**  
Locations Analyst  
Planning & Project Development

**Mick Syslo**  
Engineer  
Roadway Design



# Job Directory



NDOR Highway Improvement Projects Currently Under Contract as of 11/15/03

## Location Work Description Prime Contractor

### District 1

Bellwood Northwest Bridge  
A.M. Cohron & Son, Inc.  
Cowles, Scott (402)443-4661  
\$302,044.15

Seward East  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Seed,  
Br, Gdrl, Bit  
Hawkins Construction Co.  
England, Jim (402)471-0850  
\$1,605,852.33

Branched Oak Lake  
Gr, Culv, Seed, Bit  
Constructors, Inc.  
England, Jim (402)471-0850  
\$1,110,262.45

Odell East & West  
Gr, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Bit  
Constructors, Inc.  
Habegger, Michael (402)335-4131  
\$2,480,272.98

Odell Southwest  
Bituminous  
Constructors, Inc.  
Habegger, Michael (402)335-4131  
\$230,553.20

Liberty Spur East  
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Bit  
Constructors, Inc.  
Habegger, Michael (402)335-4131  
\$1,278,236.26

Turkey Creek Channel  
Grading  
Negus-Sons, Inc.  
Habegger, Michael (402)335-4131  
\$67,190.00

Humboldt Northwest  
Bridge  
L.J. Webb Contractor, Inc.  
Hitzeman, Don (402)335-4131  
\$384,584.97

In Peru  
Culv  
TCW Construction, Inc.  
Hitzeman, Don (402)335-4131  
\$313,731.31

Cornhusker Hwy. Interchange  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Seed,  
Br, Gdrl, Fence, Elec, Sign  
Constructors, Inc.  
Holak, Hugh (402)471-0850  
\$11,870,599.65

Princeton To N-33  
Landscaping  
D.F. Lanoha Landscape  
Nursery, Inc.  
Holak, Hugh (402)471-0850  
\$90,398.00

I-80 Over Cornhusker Hwy.  
& BNSF Railroad  
Gr, Conc Pav, Br  
Capital Contractors, Inc.  
Holak, Hugh (402)471-0850  
\$3,871,249.32

Oak Creek Bridges  
Gr, Conc Pav, Br  
Capital Contractors, Inc.  
Holak, Hugh (402)471-0850  
\$2,718,850.13

Nebraska City South  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Seed, Elec  
Dobson Bros. Construction Co.  
Knutson, Dewaine (402)471-0850  
\$7,989,733.51

Greenwood North  
Bituminous  
Pavers Companies  
Knutson, Dewaine (402)471-0850  
\$1,438,700.00

Wilber - Crete  
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Elec, Bit  
Dobson Bros Construction Co.  
& Affiliates  
Kuper, Melvin (402)729-3489  
\$4,440,125.55

Nebraska City Northwest  
Gr, Br, Gdrl  
L.J. Webb Contractor, Inc.  
Lane, Chris (402)483-5466  
\$415,480.48

Wymore Southeast  
Bridge  
Herbst Construction, Inc.  
Lane, Chris (402)483-5466  
\$302,579.75

Friend South  
Culverts  
TCW Construction, Inc.  
Lane, Chris (402)483-5466  
\$93,523.69

Nebraska City West  
Bridge  
Herbst Construction, Inc.  
Manning, Ryan (402)421-1717  
\$234,232.78

Julian North & South  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Seed, Elec  
Dobson Bros Construction Co.  
& Affiliates  
Mueller, Gerald (402)335-4131  
\$12,645,541.65

Milford - Lincoln  
Bituminous  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Niazi, Babrak (402)471-0850  
\$4,409,864.76

Hawthorne Ave. - Crete  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Elec  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Niazi, Babrak (402)471-0850  
\$2,418,062.09

Friend - Milford  
Bituminous  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Niazi, Babrak (402)471-0850  
\$1,351,028.45

Palmyra - Unadilla  
Landscaping  
D.F. Lanoha Landscape  
Nursery, Inc.  
Preble, Rodger (402)471-0850  
\$107,400.00

In Beatrice  
Pavement Marking  
M.E. Collins Contracting Co., Inc.  
Preble, Rodger (402)471-0850  
\$31,546.00

Jct. US-136/N-4, In Beatrice  
Conc Pav  
D-K Contracting Corp.  
Preble, Rodger (402)471-0850  
\$112,417.39

Beatrice - Lincoln  
Conc Pav  
American Civil Constructors, Inc.  
& Subsidiary  
Preble, Rodger (402)471-0850  
\$2,158,307.37

Ceresco - Wahoo  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Seed,  
Br, Gdrl, Elec  
Dobson Bros Construction Co.  
& Affiliates  
Sanburn, Bob (402)471-0850  
\$13,765,215.42

In Rising City & East  
Bituminous  
Omni Engineering, Inc. &  
Subsidiaries  
Sidiqi, Abdul (402)471-0850  
\$1,908,965.42

Staplehurst Spur  
Bituminous  
Omni Engineering, Inc. &  
Subsidiaries  
Sidiqi, Abdul (402)471-0850  
\$336,460.25

N-66 North  
Bituminous  
Omni Engineering, Inc. &  
Subsidiaries  
Sidiqi, Abdul (402)471-0850  
\$1,129,635.54

250th St. Intersection near Ashland  
Bituminous  
Pavers Companies  
Sidiqi, Abdul (402)471-0850  
\$179,900.00

County Road At N-63  
Gr, Culv, Bit  
Dobson Bros Construction Co.  
& Affiliates  
Sidiqi, Abdul (402)471-0850  
\$193,899.53

Roca Spur  
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Bit  
Christensen Bros., Inc.  
Traudt, Bob (402)471-0850  
\$1,478,120.53

Swanton Spur  
Gr, Br, Gdrl, Bit  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Vandegrift, Allen (402)729-3489  
\$1,069,468.87

Plymouth West  
Gr, Agg, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Bit  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Vandegrift, Allen (402)729-3489  
\$2,195,867.38

Wymore North & South Bridges  
Gr, Br, Gdrl, Elec, Bit  
Herbst Construction, Inc.  
Vandegrift, Allen (402)729-3489  
\$2,148,561.59

### District 2

West Dodge Bridge Over I-680  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Seed,  
Br, Gdrl, Fence, Elec, Sign  
Chas. Vrana & Son Constr. Co.  
Baehr, Dennis (402)595-2534  
\$15,694,829.63

174th St. - 198th St, Omaha  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Seed, Br,  
Gdrl, Fence, Elec, Sign  
Chas. Vrana & Son Constr. Co.  
Baratta, Joseph (402)595-2534  
\$15,703,247.66

Blair - Kennard  
Gr, Culv, Br, Gdrl, Elec, Bit  
Luxa Construction Co., Inc.  
Brown, Darin G (402)727-3292  
\$4,244,619.96

Bridge Over I-680 @ Sprague St.  
Gr, Br  
Chas. Vrana & Son Constr. Co.  
Farivari, Mo (402)595-2534  
\$1,094,339.95

Maple St. - Fort St., Omaha  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Seed,  
Br, Gdrl, Fence, Elec, Sign  
Chas. Vrana & Son Constr. Co.  
Farivari, Mo (402)595-2534  
\$15,416,759.67

N-370 To N-50  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Seed,  
Br, Gdrl, Fence, Elec, Sign  
Hawkins Construction Co.  
Fisher, Rick (402)595-2534  
\$18,862,392.57

N-370 To Ruff Road  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Seed,  
Gdrl, Fence, Elec, Sign  
Hawkins Construction Co.  
Fisher, Rick (402)595-2534  
\$39,143,149.79

St Mary's Ave. in Omaha  
Electrical  
Commonwealth Electric Co.  
of the Midwest  
Gjersvik, John (402)595-2534  
\$118,583.80

108 St., Burt-W. Maple Rd., Omaha  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Elec  
Chas. Vrana & Son Constr. Co.  
Glow, Tom (402)444-5279  
\$3,040,849.70

Rogers - Fremont  
Bituminous  
Constructors, Inc.  
Jacobs, Micky (402)727-3292  
\$2,559,032.33

Springfield North  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv Br Gdrl  
Mcc, LLC  
Khalaf, Zahi (402)595-2534  
\$899,718.76

Papillion West  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Br, Gdrl  
WBE Company, Inc.  
Peterson, Roger (402)255-3831  
\$3,299,003.92

In Blair  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Seed, Fence, Elec  
Luxa Construction Co., Inc.  
Trujillo, Ray (402)727-3292  
\$6,183,447.41

I-680 to N-36, Omaha  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv,  
Seed, Br, Gdrl, Elec  
Hawkins Construction Co.  
Veverka, Frank (402)727-3292  
\$12,915,674.88

198th St. - Skyline Dr., Omaha  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Seed,  
Br, Gdrl, Fence, Elec, Sign  
Hawkins Construction Co.  
Weander, Marty (402)595-2534  
\$18,371,814.38

In Gretna  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Br, Gdrl  
Chas. Vrana & Son Constr. Co.  
Wiebers, Steve (402)399-8552  
\$764,280.93

US-6 @ 156th St., Omaha  
Electrical  
Watts Electric Co.  
Wilson, Bill (402)595-2534  
\$18,676.30

W. Dodge Rd., 132nd St.-120th St.  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Elec, Sign  
Hawkins Construction Co.  
Zelensky, Rich (402)595-2534  
\$5,021,822.65

### District 3

Schuyler North  
Bituminous  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Anderson, David (402)564-5751  
\$2,279,705.64

Schuyler East & West  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Br,  
Gdrl, Elec, Sign  
Dobson Bros.  
Constr. Co. & Affiliates  
Anderson, David (402)564-5751  
\$19,184,951.80

Coleridge - Hartington  
Bituminous  
Monarch Oil, Inc.  
Becker, Roger (402)254-6552  
\$249,279.75

US-20 to N-59  
Gr, Culv, Seed, Gdrl, Bit  
Dobson Bros.  
Constr. Co. & Affiliates  
Becker, Roger (402)254-6552  
\$1,647,544.98

Dixon Northeast  
Bridge  
Graves Construction Co., Inc.  
Brummond, Scott (402)375-7071  
\$618,260.30

Waterbury West  
Bridge  
Dixon Construction Co.  
Brummond, Scott (402)375-7071  
\$297,071.60

Emerson - Dakota City  
Bituminous  
Brower Construction Co.  
Brummond, Scott (402)375-7071  
\$1,429,665.45

Martinsburg - Ponca  
Br, Gdrl  
Herbst Construction, Inc.  
Brummond, Scott (402)375-7071  
\$171,037.25

Orchard East & West  
Gr, Culv, Seed, Bit  
Dobson Bros. Constr. Co.  
& Affiliates  
Colfack, Gene (402)336-2051  
\$3,498,473.27

Norfolk East  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Seed, Elec  
Dobson Brothers Constr. Co.  
Davis, Rob (402)370-3474  
\$18,274,985.53

Wayne East  
Gr, Culv, Br, Gdrl, Elec, Bit  
Brower Construction Co.  
Francis, Jeff (402)375-7071  
\$4,418,941.08

Tekamah North  
Conc Pav  
James Cape & Sons Co.  
Francis, Jeff (402)375-7071  
\$398,347.18

Ponca State Park Recreation Rd.  
Gr, Culv, Seed, Bit  
Henningsen Const., Inc.  
Lane, Chris (402)483-5466  
\$1,600,015.76

Verdigre Northwest  
Gr, Br, Gdrl  
Herbst Construction, Inc.  
Lane, Chris (402)483-5466  
\$382,367.55

Wayne Northeast  
Gr, Culv, Br, Gdrl  
A.M. Cohron & Son, Inc.  
Mainelli, Mark (402)421-1717  
\$849,748.41

West Point North  
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Bit  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Mueting, Curt (402)370-3474  
\$2,825,560.32

Pender South  
Gr, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Elec, Bit  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Mueting, Curt (402)370-3474  
\$1,723,825.71

N-57 To West Jct N-15  
Bituminous  
Constructors, Inc.  
Mueting, Curt (402)370-3474  
\$796,720.66

Pilger South  
Bridge  
Elk Horn Construction Co.  
Mueting, Curt (402)370-3474  
\$69,897.50

Norfolk North  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv,  
Seed, Br, Gdrl, Elec  
Dobson Bros. Constr. Co.  
& Affiliates  
Mueting, Curt (402)370-3474  
\$8,592,417.11

Petersburg Southwest  
Bridge  
The Diamond Engineering Co.  
Rathjen, Scott (402)362-7117  
\$272,487.70

Albion Southeast  
Bridge  
A.M. Cohron & Son, Inc.  
Rathjen, Scott (402)362-7117  
\$300,406.20

Winside North  
Br, Gdrl, Bit  
Brower Construction Co.  
Schulz, Ron (402)370-3474  
\$823,556.68

Columbus South  
Bridge  
Dixon Construction Co.  
Trosper, Steven (402)564-5751  
\$990,505.49

Newman Grove Northwest  
Gr, Br, Gdrl  
Herbst Construction, Inc.  
Trosper, Steven (402)564-5751  
\$400,312.93

Tarnov South  
Landscaping  
Gross Seed Co., Inc.  
Trosper, Steven (402)564-5751  
\$88,824.11

5th St - 8th St, Columbus  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Elec  
Paulsen, Inc.  
Trosper, Steven (402)564-5751  
\$1,371,729.60

Hartington North  
Culverts  
L.J. Webb Contractor, Inc.  
Wiebelhaus, Bob (402)254-6552  
\$141,700.05

US-77/S. Ridge Dr., So. Sioux City  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Elec  
Gill Construction, Inc.  
Wiebelhaus, Bob (402)254-6552  
\$479,296.81

### District 4

Sutton - Grafton  
Bituminous  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Anderson, Tom (402)362-5934  
\$1,191,138.61

Deshler East  
Gr, Br, Gdrl, Bit  
L.J. Webb Contractor, Inc.  
Anderson, Tom (402)362-5934  
\$1,094,967.63

In Waco  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv  
Paulsen, Inc.  
Anderson, Tom (402)362-5934  
\$857,029.49

Kearney North  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv,  
Seed, Br, Gdrl, Elec  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Farber, Tom (308)865-5434  
\$5,884,195.46

Elm Creek - Miller  
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Bit  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Farber, Tom (308)865-5434  
\$2,441,543.78

Jct. US-30 &  
N-10/N-44 In Kearney  
Electrical  
Dominion Construction Co.  
Farber, Tom (308)865-5434  
\$67,248.45

Fullerton South  
Gr, Br, Gdrl, Bit  
The Diamond Engineering Co.  
Griepenstroh, Scott (308)385-6888  
\$1,067,266.84

N-2 Over I-80  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Br, Gdrl  
Capital Contractors, Inc.  
Griepenstroh, Scott (308)385-6888  
\$1,487,344.88

I-80/US-34/281 Interchange  
Landscaping  
Gross Seed Co., Inc.  
Griepenstroh, Scott (308)385-6888  
\$36,364.20

Geneva North & South  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Br, Gdrl, Elec  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Kohmetscher, Lyle (402)462-1996  
\$16,859,071.23

Ayr East  
Gr, Culv, Br, Gdrl  
Simon Contractors & Subsidiaries  
Manning, Ryan (402)421-1717  
\$319,563.31

Lawrence East  
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Bit  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Meyer, Steve (402)462-1996  
\$5,644,665.62

Clay Center South  
Bituminous  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Meyer, Steve (402)462-1996  
\$501,951.27

In Dannebrog  
Bridge  
L.J. Webb Contractor, Inc.  
Raddatz, Bruce (308)995-6677  
\$407,600.55

Elba Northwest  
Gr, Br, Gdrl  
L.J. Webb Contractor, Inc.  
Raddatz, Bruce (308)995-6677  
\$305,860.50

Strang North & South  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Seed, Elec  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Ruxton, Bob (402)462-1996  
\$8,708,874.79

Prosser North  
Gr, Culv, Br, Gdrl, Bit  
The Diamond Engineering Co.  
Weber, Kirk (308)385-6888  
\$613,457.24

Grand Island South  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Seed,  
Br, Gdrl, Fence, Elec, Sign  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Weber, Kirk (308)385-6888  
\$9,800,324.79

In Scotia  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Elec  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Woodgate, Gerald (308)385-6888  
\$1,832,596.16

Phillips & Giltner Spurs  
Gr, Culv, Seed, Gdrl, Elec, Bit  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Woodgate, Gerald (308)385-6888  
\$1,071,711.64

Wolbach West  
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Elec, Bit  
L.J. Webb Contractor, Inc.  
Woodgate, Gerald (308)385-6888  
\$2,308,111.47



## District 5

Scottsbluff/Sioux Co. Line North  
Bituminous  
Western Engineering Co., Inc.  
Applegate, Joe (308)632-1429  
\$2,007,202.24

Scottsbluff-Gering Bypass  
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br  
Ames Construction, Inc.  
Applegate, Joe (308)632-1429  
\$17,270,595.51

Harrison South  
Gr, Culv, Bit  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Carnahan, Brian (308)432-6144  
\$3,055,939.86

Niobrara River South of Rushville  
Gr, Culv, Br, Gdrl, Bit  
Perrett Construction, Ltd.  
Carnahan, Brian (308)432-6144  
\$2,690,897.68

In Bridgeport  
Bituminous  
Western Engineering Co., Inc.  
Custer, Dennis (308)262-1929  
\$730,732.26

Bridgeport North  
Bituminous  
Western Engineering Co., Inc.  
Custer, Dennis (308)262-1929  
\$999,423.81

Statewide DMS  
Gdrl, Sign  
Watts Electric Co.  
Custer, Dennis (308)262-1929  
\$779,314.73

Scottsbluff - Minature  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Seed, Elec  
Western Engineering Co., Inc.  
Fast, Dean (308)632-1429  
\$8,552,774.73

Box Butte/Sioux Line West  
Bituminous  
Western Engineering Co., Inc.  
Frickey, Russ (308)262-1929  
\$2,057,529.01

In Alliance  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Elec  
Simon Contractors & Subsidiaries  
Frickey, Russ (308)262-1929  
\$1,957,596.79

Melbeta West  
Gr, Culv, Seed, Bit  
Western Engineering Co., Inc.  
Gardner, Jerrold (308)632-1429  
\$2,692,228.41

Dix East  
Bituminous  
Western Engineering Co., Inc.  
Gardner, Jerrold (308)632-1429  
\$527,443.92

Morrill West  
Gr, Culv, Bit  
Western Engineering Co., Inc.  
Gardner, Jerrold (308)632-1429  
\$855,432.50

Marsland North  
Gr, Culv, Bit  
Perrett Construction, Ltd.  
Gardner, Jerrold (308)632-1429  
\$4,347,919.63

Harrison Northeast  
Bridge  
Perrett Construction, Ltd.  
Rigg, Ryan (307)637-6017  
\$448,691.06

Bushnell - West Kimball  
Bituminous  
Highway Improvement, Inc.  
Smith, Don (308)262-1929  
\$128,332.54

## District 6

Gothenburg South  
Bridge  
Wilke Contracting Corp.  
Brinker, Gary (308)535-8033  
\$401,809.95

Western Canal Bridge  
West of Ogallala  
Gr, Conc Pav, Br, Gdrl, Fence  
Simon Contractors & Subsidiaries  
Brinker, Gary (308)535-8033  
\$1,420,829.66

Ringgold North  
Bituminous  
Simon Contractors & Subsidiaries  
Halstead, Kerri (308)535-8031  
\$800,867.33

Big Springs South  
Gr, Conc Pav, Br, Gdrl, Elec  
Western Engineering Co., Inc.  
Morrell, Richard (308)535-8033  
\$1,272,970.23

District 6 - Districtwide  
Conc Pav  
Iowa Erosion Control, Inc.  
Morrell, Richard (308)535-8033  
\$143,620.34

Big Springs West  
Bridge  
Reiman Corp.  
Morrell, Richard (308)535-8033  
\$727,075.47

Sutherland Viaduct  
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Elec, Bit  
Capital Contractors, Inc.  
Morrell, Richard (308)535-8033  
\$4,410,332.06

Newberry Interchange, N. Platte  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Gdrl, Elec  
Cement Products, Inc.  
Morrell, Richard (308)535-8033  
\$719,586.85

Maxwell Interchange  
Electrical  
Dominion Construction Co.  
Sawyer, Harlan (308)535-8033  
\$87,829.60

Statewide I-80 Rest Area Signing  
Sign  
Garcia-Chicoine Enterprises, Inc.  
Thomsen, Toby (308)535-8033  
\$294,700.75

Big Springs  
Emergency Repair -  
Clean Up Big Springs Bridge  
Capital Contractors, Inc.  
Thomsen, Toby (308)535-8033  
\$124,519.56

Brady East  
Conc Pav  
Diamond Surface, Inc.  
Thomsen, Toby (308)535-8033  
\$1,889,966.54

Cozad - Darr  
Conc Pav  
Diamond Surface, Inc.  
Thomsen, Toby (308)535-8033  
\$1,903,226.79

Hershey - North Platte  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv  
Cement Products, Inc.  
Thomsen, Toby (308)535-8033  
\$370,058.98

Big Springs  
Temporary Road - Big Springs  
Adams Construction Co. &  
Adams Land Improvement, Inc.  
Thomsen, Toby (308)535-8033  
\$305,251.00

Oconto North  
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Bit  
Paulsen, Inc.  
White, Dennis (308)872-6735  
\$9,181,360.56

Halsey East  
Gr, Bit  
Paulsen, Inc.  
White, Dennis (308)872-6735  
\$2,648,120.76

## District 7

Curtis West & Eustis East  
Gr, Br, Gdrl  
Wilke Contracting Corp.  
Collins, Duane (308)345-8490  
\$184,046.60

Lincoln County Line South  
Bituminous  
Paulsen, Inc.  
Collins, Duane (308)345-8490  
\$1,371,360.43

Orafino to US-283 Bridges  
Gr, Agg, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl  
Adams Construction Co. &  
Adams Land Improvement, Inc.  
Collins, Duane (308)345-8490  
\$2,507,145.68

W. 4 St - E. 7 St., McCook  
Gr, Conc Pav, Culv, Br, Gdrl, Elec  
Paulsen, Inc.  
Doyle, Kelly (308)345-8490  
\$3,189,394.06

Max - Stratton  
Gdrl, Bit  
Paulsen, Inc.  
Doyle, Kelly (308)345-8490  
\$2,816,154.25

District 7 - Districtwide  
Bituminous  
Musselman & Hall Contr., LLC  
Kuhn, Kenton (308)995-5397  
\$86,689.05

Funk to N-44  
Bituminous  
Paulsen, Inc.  
Quinn, Jerry (308)995-5397  
\$2,274,885.15

Hendley Southeast  
Bridge  
Simon Contractors & Subsidiaries  
Quinn, Jerry (308)995-5397  
\$258,506.98

Orleans East  
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Elec, Bit  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Sell, Tim (308)995-5397  
\$4,813,919.34

Culbertson Southwest  
Bridge  
L.J. Webb Contractor, Inc.  
Stadler, Lisa (308)345-3710  
\$336,766.75

US-6 North  
Gr, Culv, Seed, Br, Gdrl, Bit  
Paulsen, Inc.  
Ziebell, Roger (308)345-8490  
\$2,255,565.09

Culbertson South  
Bituminous  
Paulsen, Inc.  
Ziebell, Roger (308)345-8490  
\$1,213,036.51

## District 8

Bristow East & West  
Bituminous  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Colfack, Gene (402)336-2051  
\$674,381.15

Spencer South  
Bituminous  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Colfack, Gene (402)336-2051  
\$418,422.16

Niobrara River North & South  
Grad, Culv, Br, Gdrl, Bit  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Colfack, Gene (402)336-2051  
\$6,153,291.28

Niobrara River Br. North & South  
Bituminous  
Monarch Oil, Inc.  
Gustafson, Jay (402)376-1352  
\$192,265.38

Newport North  
Culv, Br, Gdrl, Bit  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Rau, Larry (402)387-2471  
\$2,559,569.32

District 8 - Districtwide  
Guardrail  
Midwest Fence Co. -  
Guardrail Systems, Inc.  
Rudnick, Michael (402)387-2471  
\$42,840.00

Chambers Northwest  
Gr, Br, Gdrl  
A.M. Cohron & Son, Inc.  
Smith, Lloyd (402)376-2691  
\$431,778.07

Stuart North  
Bridge  
Christensen Bros., Inc.  
Smith, Lloyd (402)376-2691  
\$686,849.40

O'Neill North  
Gr, Culv, Seed, Bit  
Werner Construction, Inc.  
Ziska, Dan (402)336-2051  
\$5,268,204.49

### Key:

Bituminous - Bit  
Bridge - Br  
Building - Bldg  
Concrete Pavement - Conc Pav  
Culverts - Culv  
Electrical - Elec  
Grading - Gr  
Guardrail - Gdrl  
Seeding - Seed

# And The Winner Is...

NDOR Traffic Engineering/Highway Safety and NDOR Employee Safety recently invited all children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of NDOR employees to color or paint a poster showing people wearing their seat belts and write why seat belts are important. Jessica Griggs is the winner of the NDOR Seat Belt Poster Contest. Jessica is 13 years old and the daughter of Terry Danner, Information Systems, and Chuck Griggs, Communication.

Fifteen entries were received from NDOR families. Also, Nic Fitzsimmons, grandson of Laura and Lou Lenzen, Roadway Design, took the seat belt message to his second grade class at Hill Elementary School. His class submitted 17 entries to the poster contest.

According to contest judge, Mary Jo Hall, Communication, all the posters were just too nicely done to give out only one award, so the following entrants received Honorable Mention awards: Kensly Schuelke, 9, granddaughter of Sandra Schuelke, Director's Office; Abbie Elder, 5, niece of Kendall Stege, Roadway Design; Brett Shepardson, 5, grandson of Tom Shepardson, Human Resources; and Emelia Robinson, 5, granddaughter of Bobbi Olson, Traffic Engineering, and Steve Olson, Human Resources.

In addition to the winner getting her poster published in the Roadrunner, all entrants received a certificate of award, as well as an NDOR activity book, a Buckle Bear color book and sticker. All posters were displayed in the central headquarters lobby and employees were asked to vote for their favorite poster. Troy Stromer, age 12, son of James Stromer, Right-of-Way, received the most votes for the People's Choice Award. ♦



## Accidents

Why in the world does there have to be accidents  
When people are hurt and vehicles are severely bent  
Why don't people wear their seatbelts in these events  
Why in the world does there have to be accidents?

Why in the world don't people listen and feel  
When they drive too fast or drink behind the wheel  
Why is it every day every hour no matter the cost  
Someone is hurt in an accident or a life is lost.

Why in the world did this have to come to this  
When people take their lives in their hands and take a risk  
We want our families to be safe and to be alive  
So please, please think about this when you drive!

Written by: Joyce Wells  
Hwy. Safety-Traffic Engineering  
Nebraska Dept. of Roads  
November 5, 2003



## We Get Letters ...

October 13, 2003

Dear Sirs,

We just returned from enjoying a two-week 500-mile bicycle tour in your state.

This note is thanks for providing a Bicycle Guide Map we got in a tourism packet requested via your Tourism Department and specifying our trip was to be via bicycle.

This map is very well done. We've biked all 49 Continental U.S. states and this map is the best bike-touring oriented map we have ever used. Material (paper) used, size, color coding and accuracy were excellent. Good job!

Thanks sincerely,

Tom Chabot

Pat Young

Tucson, Arizona

**Editor's Note:** Ron Schlautman is the NDOR Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator.

September 10, 2003

Our trip of Ponca, Nebraska last week made us realize how out-of-date our state road map was (it is dated 1989-1990) ...

I would appreciate receiving a copy of the latest state map.

I want to congratulate you on how well maintained your roads are compared to many here in Oklahoma.

Thank you,

Harold B. Whitman

Tulsa, Oklahoma

**The Department of Roads receives numerous complimentary letters. The letters printed here are representative of those often sent praising the many fine and deserving employees of the Department of Roads.**

November 6, 2003

Dear Dale Coufal,

I received a very nice letter from Alan Musil, the Street Superintendent for the City of Ravenna. Alan wrote to me because he is retiring later this year and wanted me to know that over the years he has had a good working relationship with several state Department of Roads staff in Ravenna. In his letter, Mr. Musil outlines for me the great job you have done in maintaining the state highway and maintaining a positive connection with the community.

Dale, I want to thank you for your excellent work to keep our state roads safe and well maintained. It is always great to hear such great reports about state employees. I really do appreciate your outstanding service to our state. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Mike Johanns

Governor

**Editor's Note:** This special letter was sent to Hwy. Maintenance Supervisor Coufal and three of the Ravenna highway crew, Scott Rademacher, Jeff Crowell and John Gorecki.

October 27, 2003

Your website is excellent! Although I'm from Utah, I have connections in Illinois, so I travel through Nebraska sometimes, and I have a feeling I will be using your website a lot. In fact, I've now used it for information and as a portal to other travel websites for my traveling in other parts of the country. Not only is the information useful, it is very nicely organized.

Thank you for a truly useful, helpful travel tool.

Paul C. Hardin

Provo, Utah

**Editor's Note:** The NDOR Webmaster is Barb Biffle, Web Communication Officer in the Communication Division.



# NDOR Events Calendar

## — December —

### National Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month

- 3 RoadToasters**  
12:05 p.m.-12:55 p.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.  
Contact Cindy Shockey @ 479-3837
- 9 New Employee Orientation Program**  
NDOR Central Headquarters  
Contact Steve Olson @ 479-3601
- 10 RoadToasters**  
12:05 p.m.-12:55 p.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.  
Contact Cindy Shockey @ 479-3837
- 11 Project Scheduling Meeting**  
8:30-11:30 a.m., NDOR Auditorium  
Contact Craig Anderson @ 479-4666
- 17 RoadToasters**  
12:05 p.m.-12:55 p.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.  
Contact Cindy Shockey @ 479-3837
- 18 Letting**  
1:30 p.m., NDOR Auditorium  
Contact Liz Wunderlich @ 479-4528
- 19 Hwy. Commission Meeting**  
10:00 a.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.  
Contact Shirley Schafer @ 479-4530
- 19– January 4 You Drink & Drive. You Lose. National Crackdown**
- 25 State Holiday – Christmas**

## — January —

- 1 State Holiday – New Year's Day**
- 7 Roadtoasters Speechcrafters Course**  
12:05 p.m. - 12:55 p.m. Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.  
Contact Cindy Shockey @ 479-3837
- 9 Bd. Examiners for Co. Hwy. & City Street Supts.**  
Meeting 10:00 a.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.  
Contact Andrew Cunningham @ 479-4569
- 13 New Employee Orientation Program**  
NDOR Central Headquarters  
Contact Steve Olson @ 479-3601
- 14 RoadToasters Speechcrafters Course**  
12:05 p.m.-12:55 p.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.  
Contact Cindy Shockey @ 479-3837
- 16 Bd. Public Roads Class & Stds.**  
9:00 a.m., NDOR Auditorium  
Contact Andrew Cunningham @ 479-4569

- 19 State Holiday – Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- 23 Project Scheduling Meeting**  
1:00-4:00 p.m., NDOR Auditorium  
Contact Craig Anderson @ 479-4666
- 23 Hwy. Commission Meeting**  
10:00 a.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.  
Contact Shirley Schafer @ 479-4530
- 28 RoadToasters Speechcrafters Course**  
12:05 p.m.-12:55 p.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.  
Contact Cindy Shockey @ 479-3837
- 29 Letting**  
1:30 p.m., NDOR Auditorium  
Contact Liz Wunderlich @ 479-4528

## — February —

- 8-14 National Child Passenger Safety Week**
- 10 New Employee Orientation Program**  
NDOR Central Headquarters  
Contact Steve Olson @ 479-3601
- 11 RoadToasters Speechcrafters Course**  
12:05 p.m.-12:55 p.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.  
Contact Cindy Shockey @ 479-3837
- 13 Bd. Public Roads Class & Stds.**  
9:00 a.m., NDOR Auditorium  
Contact Andrew Cunningham @ 479-4569
- 16 State Holiday – President's Day**
- 20 Bd. Examiners for Co. Hwy. & City Street Supts.**  
Meeting 10:00 a.m., NDOR M&R Conference Rm.  
Contact Andrew Cunningham @ 479-4569
- 25 RoadToasters Speechcrafters Course**  
12:05 p.m.-12:55 p.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.  
Contact Cindy Shockey @ 479-3837
- 26 Project Scheduling Meeting**  
8:30-11:30 a.m., NDOR Auditorium  
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10:00 a.m., Hwy. Commission Meeting Rm.  
Contact Shirley Schafer @ 479-4530

If you would like a key event included on upcoming calendars, call the Communication Office 479-4512 or e-mail [lwilson@dor.state.ne.us](mailto:lwilson@dor.state.ne.us). Information for the February/March Roadrunner should be received by January 16.

## McCord Receives Humanitarian Award

Karen McCord, Highway Contracts Technician II in NDOR's Construction Division, received the Humanitarian Award at the quarterly Rewards and Recognition Ceremony held October 31 at NDOR's central headquarters in Lincoln. McCord was honored for her assistance to a friend who had collapsed in her home and was semi-conscious due to an obstructed airway.

McCord and her friend had attended a church retreat two days earlier when the friend choked on a

peanut. After coughing, the peanut seemed to dislodge and she felt better. When McCord called her friend the next day, she said she wasn't feeling well. When McCord didn't hear from her friend the following day, she went to check on her and found her lying on the floor. Because of her quick actions in calling 911 and assisting the paramedics with directions to the house and giving them all the pertinent information they needed to treat her friend, McCord most likely saved her life. ♦



*Happy Holidays*