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COLLEGE DRIVE CONNECTOR — GRANT STREET EXTENSION

Rock Springs, Wyoming

The College Drive Connector, Grant Street Extension project is located in Rock Springs, WY. On this project, COP Wyoming LLC is a Subcontractor to High Country Construction, Inc. of Lander, WY. The Project Owner is the City of Rock Springs, WY. The Project Engineer is Horrocks Engineers of Pleasant Grove, UT. The original contract value was \$2,068,625 with a final contract value of \$2,676,317.

COP's work on the project started in May 2009 and consisted of 2800 feet of sanitary sewer main, 2500 feet of storm drain, 25 inlets, 2200 feet of water main, insulated and heat traced water and sewer underneath the bridge deck, 24 hour per day stream flow bypass pumping for the gabion installation, 5180 square yards of gabion baskets and 1192 cubic yards of structural concrete for a 120 foot long steel single span bridge which was on a 56 degree skew as well as a vertical and horizontal curve. The curve of the bridge was so severe that standard 8 foot forms would not work for the deck edge or the sidewalk forms. Also, our 10 foot steel barrier forms would not work, so we chose to have Bishop Construction slip form the barriers using a shorter than normal specially fabricated form for the slip form.

The elevation of the bridge drops 6.29 feet in the 100-foot distance across the bridge. COP had to put special traction tape on the screed rails for the Bidwell deck finishing machine so it could climb the grade.

The approach slabs on the ends of the bridge are nearly as large as the bridge deck due to the 56-degree skew. The bridge was built without a crane onsite with the exception of setting the steel girders and the setup of the Bidwell bridge deck finishing machine.

Another difficult factor was the project specifications required a mandatory shutdown from December 1, 2009 to April 1, 2010.

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Setting girders.

Photo: Dennis McPherson



Gabion installation.

Photo: Dennis McPherson



Just before being flooded out.

Photo: Tobin McFarlane

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From the desk of the President –



In light of the challenging economy and extremely competitive market place, it is vital that we continue to recognize the significance of customer satisfaction. With safety being the most important factor in our business, I would rank customer satisfaction on the next level of importance with factors such as profitability, quality, on-time completion and employee satisfaction. Even though much of our work requires us to have the lowest competitive bids in order for us to be awarded the contract, customer satisfaction is critical.

In several past instances we were not the low bidder, but because of our excellent reputation, the contract was awarded to COP rather than the low bidder. It is a small world out there, and owners talk with other owners about their experiences with contractors who have completed projects for them. I am proud to say that as a result of our people's positive efforts, these types of discussions among owners have led to new opportunities for COP.

In Utah, where the prequalification process is used extensively, COP has been successful in being qualified to bid on projects throughout our market. In times when our competition is cutting costs at the expense of customer satisfaction, it is important that we increase our efforts toward customer satisfaction. I am convinced that everyone benefits when the relationship between the customer and the contractor is positive, plus it makes going to work everyday a lot more enjoyable.

I want to thank our employees for the effort put forth in building the pool of satisfied customers who welcome the opportunity to work with COP on their projects in the future. Keep up the good work!

MEET THE FACES OF COP'S ESTIMATORS



Ed Allen started with COP in 1973 as a Heavy Equipment Operator, advancing to Foreman, and General Superintendent. He has been an Estimator for the last 19 years.

Ed enjoys the Denver Broncos, NASCAR racing, golfing, and travel. Over the past 7 years Ed and his wife, Mary, have escaped the winter months of Montana for the exotic Caribbean island of Aruba, located 17 miles north of the coast of Venezuela.

When Ed was asked what he enjoyed about the work he did at COP, he responded, "Putting the bid together and hoping you win!"



Dan Feldman graduated from Boise State University with a degree in Construction Management. He's been in the construction industry for 24 years, holding every position from Laborer, Operator, Superintendent, Engineer, Project Manager, and Estimator. He enjoys the mental challenge of building a job in his head and seeing how close his assessment is to actuality.

Dan and his wife of 11 years have two darling daughters, Brynn, 6 years old and Savannah, 2. Recreation activities include enjoying his family, hunting, and boating.



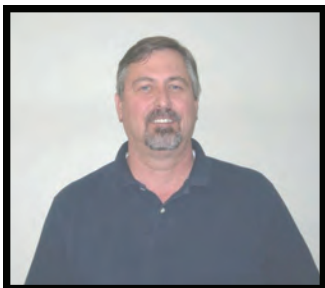
Dustin Dennison, formerly from Big Fork, Montana, joined the COP Construction Estimating team in 2006, upon receiving his Engineering degree from Montana Tech. He states his greatest enjoyment with the position is the wide variety of projects that come through the department.

Outside of COP Dustin enjoys spending time with his wife, Cassie, hunting, fishing, camping, playing golf, and watching football.



Dave Loyning, graduated from Montana State University with a Bachelor degree in Construction Engineering. He has been with COP since 1986 and enjoys the wide variety of projects that cross his desk. "Each project we estimate is different, no two alike!"

Dave has two teenage daughters, Ashley and Emily, 19 and 17, respectively. He enjoys hunting, fishing and many other outdoor activities.



Ron Batt joined COP's Estimating team in June of 2006, moving to Salt Lake from Seattle where he had lived since 1989. He brings over 25 years of experience in various areas of construction, including project management, estimating, heavy construction, litigation/construction defect and repair, as well as home building. Ron says he knew he wanted to work for COP when he discovered the diversity of our projects.

Ron is the father of 5. In his down time, he enjoys snowboarding, sailing, golfing, and riding mountain bikes and motorcycles.



Rod Braegger hired on as Senior Estimator in the Salt Lake Office in May of 2008. He enjoys working for COP and being a part of such a great team.

Rod was born and raised in Utah, and his wife was born and raised in California. They have three amazing kids. Their daughter, Kisha, and her husband and two kids live in Billings where she is a NICU RN at Billings Clinic. Their oldest son, Scott, is attending UVU, and their youngest son, RJ, and his wife and son live in American Fork. He will be starting at Weber State in the fall.

On a Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon, if the Bees are in town, that's where you'll find Rod. He also loves to coach baseball, play with the grandsons, and he especially loves fast cars!



CALLING ALL KIDS !! (NOT JUST COP KIDS)

~~~~ SAFETY POSTER CONTEST ~~~~~

COP Construction is holding a safety poster contest for kids 12 and under !!!

Submit your poster showing how or what you do to practice safety at home, school or play – the choice is yours! The contest will run from July to the end of August. **Posters must be received by September 6, 2010.** Please remember to do the following:

Make it as colorful and as detailed as you want.

Write your name, address, phone number and age on the back of the poster.

On the back, tell us a little bit about your poster.

Mail your poster to :
Kimberly Hope
c/o COP Construction LLC
840 North 700 West
North Salt Lake, UT 84054

There will be three age groups, 6 and under, 7-9 years old, and 10-12 years old. Prizes will be given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each age group. Notification to the winners will be sent to their home address (as shown on the back of their poster) along with their prize.

HAVE SOME FUN AND SEND IN THOSE POSTERS!!

STAYING SAFE IN THE SIZZLING SUMMER SUN

It's strong, it's hot, and it can be dangerous!! Although sunlight is essential for our life, too much ultraviolet (UV) light from the sun can be hazardous to your health. During the summer, the level of UV radiation is three times greater than during the winter. And the more you're exposed to UV light, the greater the health risk

Over time, UV light can cause two primary health problems: skin cancer and damage to the eyes in the form of cataracts and macular degeneration. Employees who work outdoors are most at risk; however, we all spend time in the sun on our personal time, too.

Medical folks say that everyone is at risk of skin cancer, regardless of their skin tone or color. Some people, however, are at greater risk and that includes people with fair skin; blond or red hair; blue, green or gray eyes; freckles; excessive sun exposure as a child or teenager; and a family history of skin cancer.

It is important that you examine your body monthly because skin cancers detected early can almost always be cured. The most important warning sign is a spot on the skin that is changing in size, shape or color during a period of one month to one or two years. Check for the following: pale, wax-like, pearly nodules; red, scaly, sharply outlined patches; sores that do not heal; and small, mole-like growths which could lead to melanoma.

A few simple precautions can help prevent sun-related health problems during the summer:

- Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher.
- Wear a hat and sunglasses that block 99 percent of the UV light.
- Wear long sleeves and pants to keep covered if it's not too hot.
- Limit sun exposure during the hottest part of the day (10 to 4 PM).
- Check the daily UV index in the local newspaper and be especially careful when the index is high.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!!!

Chris Cull, Safety Manager





Ready to pour.

Photo: George Werhonig



Deck pour.

Photo: George Werhonig



2010 Spring start-up.

Photo: Chad Peterson

The Project Manager in 2009 was Joe Troester, and Chad Peterson took over in 2010. Tobin McFarlane was the Project Superintendent with Cody Stansfield doing the pipe installation and Jose Valdez doing the bridge substructure. George Werhonig performed the decking operations, deck pour and sheet pile cutoff walls in 2009 and completed the project in 2010. Don Werhonig was George's foreman on the project. This was the first bridge that Tobin had built up through setting of the beams.

Special thanks to Chad Peterson, Tobin McFarlane, Cody Stansfield, George Werhonig, Don Werhonig, Jose Valdez, our subcontractors, and the crew from Montana that came down to help pour the bridge deck for making this a successful project for COP Wyoming.

A final acknowledgement is extended to High Country's Chad Connell, Vice President and Mike Cartwright, Estimator/Project Manager. You were excellent to work with, and we hope to work with you in the future.



Barrier rebar installation.

Photo: Don Werhonig



Pipe excavation in rock.

Photo: Cody Stansfield



Imported backfill in rocky areas. Photo: Cody Stansfield

~~~ YEARS OF SERVICE ~~~

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES

**January**

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Gary Erickson | 40 |
| Dan Dodge     | 27 |
| Rick Morrison | 15 |
| Mike Anderson | 9  |
| Doug Teller   | 5  |
| Dave Jarman   | 1  |

**February**

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| Johnny Biesheuvel | 8 |
| Dustin Dennison   | 4 |
| Tobin McFarlane   | 2 |

**March**

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Tracy Kaercher  | 19 |
| Neil Buckingham | 17 |
| Dave Davidson   | 17 |
| Debbie Mitchell | 14 |
| Shan Laurie     | 9  |
| Chad Allen      | 7  |
| Anthony Gentile | 7  |
| Jan Bramble     | 5  |
| Craig Olson     | 2  |

**April**

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Larry Brunmeier | 17 |
| John May        | 14 |
| Chris Cull      | 8  |
| Josh Roberson   | 7  |
| Scott Grasma    | 2  |

**May**

|                  |    |
|------------------|----|
| Dennis McPherson | 39 |
| Donna Kuntz      | 15 |
| Rich King        | 11 |
| Ray Speed        | 10 |
| Shirley Totten   | 9  |
| Cody Stansfield  | 9  |
| Joe Allen        | 8  |
| Rod Braegger     | 2  |
| Joe Dolan        | 1  |

**June**

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Bruce Rost      | 15 |
| Tanya Brown     | 11 |
| Clarence Weber  | 7  |
| Ron Van Luchene | 6  |
| Ron Batt        | 4  |
| Greg Schied     | 1  |





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**PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION**

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| <b>EXXON CIVIL PROJECTS</b><br>Billings, Montana                                                                                                 | <b>LOCKWOOD SEWER PHASE 1, Part 2</b><br>Lockwood, Montana<br>\$3,443,000<br>Estimator: Ed Allen                              | <b>2010 BILLINGS REHAB—SCHED. 3</b><br>Billings, Montana<br>\$1,393,000<br>Estimator: Ed Allen                                  | <b>SPANISH FORK-SPRINGVILLE REACH PIPELINE</b><br>Springville, Utah<br>\$28,510,000                          |
| <b>THOMPSON FALLS FISH LADDER</b><br>Thompson Falls, Montana<br>\$5,900,000<br>Estimator: Darci DeBuff                                           | <b>LAUREL 8TH AVE. MAIN TO 9TH</b><br>(Sub-quote to Knife River)<br>Laurel, Montana<br>\$1,137,000<br>Estimator: Dave Loyning | <b>MCCLAREN MINE TAILINGS</b><br>(Sub-quote to Knife River)<br>Cooke City, Montana<br>\$2,729,000<br>Estimator: Dustin Dennison | <b>SWGTP BY-PRODUCT PIPELINE, PHASE 1</b><br>West Jordan, UT<br>\$8,384,000<br>Estimator: Rod Braegger       |
| <b>GIBBON RIVER BRIDGE</b><br>(Sub-quote to HK Contractors, Inc.)<br>Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming<br>\$3,889,000<br>Estimator: Dan Feldman | <b>MDU METHANE GAS PIPING</b><br>Billings, Montana<br>\$987,000<br>Estimator: Dave Loyning                                    | <b>LOCKWOOD 2010-01, PHASE I (LIFT STATION)</b><br>Lockwood, Montana<br>\$1,763,000<br>Estimator: Ed Allen                      | <b>** COP WYOMING LLC **</b>                                                                                 |
| <b>NEIHART WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS</b><br>Neihart, Montana<br>\$418,000<br>Estimator: Darci DeBuff                                             | <b>2010 BILLINGS REHAB—SCHED. 2</b><br>Billings, Montana<br>\$1,049,000<br>Estimator: Ed Allen                                | <b>BOAT HARBOR LIFT STATION</b><br>American Fork, Utah<br>\$2,900,000<br>Estimator: Ron Batt                                    | <b>COLLEGE DR.-GRANT ST. EXTENSION</b><br>Rock Springs, Wyoming<br>\$2,069,000<br>Estimator: Dustin Dennison |