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CMEC is Growing!

Much has been happening at CMEC since our last newsletter! We now have four offices including Austin, Irving/DFW, Houston, and Tulsa, OK. We have been busy solidifying and establishing our presence in these cities to better serve current and future clients. A few examples of our work are described here.

For the Birds

Progressive Laboratories Hawk Nest Monitoring: CMEC biologists monitored an active Cooper's Hawk nest and assisted with post-breeding season nest removal and exclusion for a commercial client with concerns about a pair of aggressive nesting hawks. We also had an opportunity to educate the community about the issue through local news coverage in Irving.

Midtown Express Migratory Bird Treaty Act Surveys: CMEC biologists performed MBTA nest surveys during the Spring/Summer 2015 migratory bird breeding season to support environmental compliance efforts for the Midtown Express road improvement project in Irving, Texas.

Cultural Resources Successes

TxDOT ENV General Archeological Services: In Spring 2015, CMEC won one of four contracts with TxDOT ENV to provide archeological testing and data recovery services, and has a key role on one of another successful team's contract. CMEC now

Staff on Opening Day by Critical Environmental Feature Fencing
City of Austin Water Treatment Plant #4 (2010-2014) - CMEC provided the environmental compliance management team for the construction manager at risk overseeing construction of a new water treatment plant, raw water pump station and transmission tunnel in Travis County. The project is in an environmentally sensitive area and has been subject to much controversy and scrutiny. CMEC prepared environmental training manuals for the construction phase; deployed geologists/karst biologists for quick response field investigations when potential caves or karst features with associated potential threatened/endangered species concerns were encountered during construction; conducted weekly environmental

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Historic Bridge in OK

Compliance inspections; completed noise monitoring studies; water quality sampling in Lake Travis (turbidity); endangered songbird surveys, and other field data collection as requested by the client. The project became operational in December 2014.

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Construction Phase Services

At CMEC, we have been expanding our scope of services to include construction phase monitoring and compliance support services. Our ecologists and environmental scientists have provided MBTA-compliant nest surveys, overall environmental compliance inspections, and SW3P inspections on a variety of transportation and public utility projects across Texas. This includes an ongoing commitment where we have provided recurring inspection and reporting services on a large highway construction project in Central Texas over the last two and a half years. Our staff has the training and certifications necessary to meet contract requirements, and the dedication to commit to seeing a project through to completion.

New Contract in Oklahoma

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) recently awarded CMEC a two-year, on-demand contract for cultural resources. We are excited about this opportunity to work with ODOT, and we look forward to growing our business in Oklahoma with other clients!

Continuing Work in Houston

The Texas Department of Transportation - Houston District recently awarded professional services contracts for environmental documentation, and CMEC was pleased to be selected for the second time. We have stayed busy on Houston District projects this year, having completed numerous documents and public meetings and anticipate a continued strong relationship with District professionals.

David Young Joins CMEC Houston

Mr. Young is a Senior Project Manager/Houston Office Manager at CMEC and has served as a project manager and technical leader for various natural resource and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance projects throughout the United States. His project experience includes transportation and transit, land development, dredging, coastal environments, conceptual mitigation design, linear infrastructure, oil and gas exploration, and geophysical seismic studies.

He is an experienced practitioner with a focus on natural resource, regulatory permitting and special use authorizations on various state- and federally-managed lands. He has led, prepared and supported NEPA compliance efforts, as well as technical documents...
Example of an Effective BMP

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focused on natural resources, regulatory permitting and compliance, hazardous materials, socioeconomics, and public involvement activities. Mr. Young is committed to serving CMEC's existing clients in south and southeast Texas, as well as building new relationships in the Houston metropolitan region and along the Gulf Coast.

Heather Goodson Joins CMEC Tulsa

Senior Architectural Historian Heather Goodson recently joined CMEC's Tulsa, Oklahoma Office. She has more than twelve years of experience in cultural resources management, and has served as Project Manager and Senior Architectural Historian for projects in Texas, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska. Ms. Goodson works extensively on transportation-related Section 106 compliance projects.

Her experience also includes conducting alternatives analyses to support Section 4(f) of the US DOT Act documentation, working with local governments to inventory their cultural resources, preparing historic structures reports to assist agencies with historic resources management, writing National Register of Historic Places nominations, and preparing Historic American Building Survey/Historic American Engineering Record documentation. She routinely participates in public involvement activities such as meetings, open houses, and other stakeholder activities. Ms. Goodson leads CMEC's Oklahoma Office, managing contracts for a variety of projects, and serving a key role in building relationships in the state for the firm, where CMEC is a certified DBE.

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