British economist wins Building a Better World Award

A Who’s Who of parliament, industry, and civic leaders were on hand when CH2M HILL honored Professor Lord Nicholas Stern with the 2008 CH2M HILL Building a Better World Award. More than 150 dignitaries attended the award ceremony on May 21 at the historic Banqueting House in London.

“We established the Building a Better World Award to honor an individual or organization for their distinctive contribution to building a better world, by improving the lives and prospects of people and societies,” said CH2M HILL Chairman and CEO Ralph Peterson during the award presentation. “In recognizing Lord Stern, we honor an individual whose life and accomplishments epitomize what we intended this Building a Better World Award to represent.”

A distinguished economist, Lord Stern was recognized for his work in support of the Commissions for Africa report for the G8 Summit, his groundbreaking work on climate change and sustainable development, and his service as chief economist and senior vice president of the World Bank.

Lord Stern designated Women for Women International, which works to improve the lives of women survivors of war, to receive the honorarium that accompanies the award.

Fortunate son, fortunate father

Zach Doleac, son of CH2M HILL’s Mike Doleac, who serves as Seattle’s construction practice director, was honored at a White House ceremony in April— together with four of his peers— for developing an innovative carbon dioxide reduction program at his school.

The students, seniors at Redmond High School in Redmond, Washington, were presented with the President’s Environmental Youth Award in recognition of the success of their “Cool Schools” program.

The program, which challenged teachers and students to take simple steps to reduce carbon dioxide emissions at school, was such a success that it has spread to other schools in the Lake Washington School District. Over the past two and a half years, the program has saved the district more than $500,000.

Employee milestones

Courtney Brown, Silver Spring, Maryland, was named president of the Metropolitan Washington, D.C. chapter of the American Council of Engineering Companies for a 1-year term. Brown takes on this role after serving for 5 years on the board of directors. The organization is the voice of the engineering community in Metropolitan Washington and provides networking opportunities, educational programs, and legislative and professional advocacy for its members.

Russell Huddleston, Sacramento, California, was appointed president of the Western Chapter of the Society of Wetland Scientists. The society is an international, nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering sound wetland science, education, and management.

Randy Mohammed, Dallas, Texas, became a U.S. citizen in February. Originally from Trinidad, Mohammed emigrated to the U.S. in 1995 to attend college, eventually joining CH2M HILL Lockwood Greens.

Carol Barbary, Chantilly, Virginia, graduated from the Leadership Loudoun Program. For the past 17 years, the program has developed community leaders to serve Loudoun County, Virginia. Participants explored current challenges facing the county, including housing foreclosures, community and environmental issues, and school readiness.

Carlton Ivery, Deerfield Beach, Florida, served as master of ceremonies for the 14th Annual Southeastern Consortium for Minorities in Engineering Celebration of Achievement Banquet. Ivery has served as CH2M HILL’s representative on the South Florida Industry Partners for Education coordination committee for more than 10 years.