CH2M HILL is currently assisting Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, India's leading telecommunications provider and the country's largest public-sector firm, through contracts with Nokia and Nortel to construct mobile facilties and install equipment in several Indian states, including Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Orissa and Assam.

The mobilization of this team is the most rapid build-up of personnel for the CH2M HILL Communications & Information Solutions group in Asia, and possibly the most rapid build-up in CH2M HILL history.

"The CH2M HILL India Team has successfully mobilized from an initial staff of 24 to over 190 in less than two months. I know of no project in the firm that has staffed a large program in such a short amount of time," said Gary Beech, director of global operations for CH2M HILL's C&IS group. "Special recognition needs to go to our program manager, MP Phillips, and Rajesh Satyal, our human relations manager, for this accomplishment as well as the entire team for a great start to this program and strengthening our long term capabilities in India."

Other individuals helping to raise the bar in India include: Mitherpal Singh, the Asia Pacific Region managing director; Ramen Uppal, sales manager for projects; Nokia Project Manager Amit Kapoor; and Nortel Project Manager Malay Niyogi.

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