Silverhawk power plant swoops in for awards

Lockwood Greene's work on the Silverhawk Power Plant in southwest Nevada received awards from both the client, Pinnacle West Energy, and Power Engineering Magazine.

Wrapped up in just 21 months, construction of the $400 million project was completed ahead of schedule and under budget. Over 1.1 million hours were performed without an OSHA days-away incident.

PWE presented Lockwood Greene with a "Contractor's Award" in June. And on Nov. 30, Don Zabilansky, Lockwood Greene senior vice president, was presented with Power Engineering Magazine's Project of the Year award.

"Lockwood Greene is honored to be recognized by Power Engineering as a member of the Pinnacle West Energy and Southern Nevada Water Authority team for this outstanding Silverhawk project," Zabilansky said.

GenWest, a PWE-owned limited liability corporation, owns 75 percent of the plant, and Southern Nevada Water Authority owns the remaining 25 percent. In a state where water is practically worth its weight in gold, the plant meets stringent environmental and water conservation criteria. The state-of-the-art "dry-cool" system uses one-tenth the water used by water-cooled power plants, which supports Nevada's water conservation efforts. The plant also has a zero liquid discharge wastewater system.

CH2M HILL partners with Junior Achievement globally

Community involvement may start at home, but with organizations such as Junior Achievement Worldwide, CH2M HILL is able to build a corporate citizenship profile in local communities and around the world.

Through ties to local JA chapters this past year, CH2M HILL contributed to improved business understanding in schools, introduced students to leading business practices and provided for employee volunteer opportunities.

For the Greater Tri-Cities Junior Achievement chapter in Washington, CH2M HILL Hanford Group sponsored a TITAN computer game for high school students in Pasco. In addition, employees participated in classroom presentations from elementary through secondary schools. Altogether, more than 125 employees pitched in for JA in the Tri-Cities, raising more than $18,000 for the local chapter and fielding 25 teams that participated in the JA Bowling Classic and Silent Auction.

In Leixlip, Ireland, IDC's Seamus McDermott helped organize and participate in a Traders Fair for JA Mini Companies held at Intel Ireland. McDermott was particularly instrumental in overseeing the Traders Fair participation of mini companies from St. Wolstan's school where he regularly volunteers in the JA program.

In Milwaukee, Wis., employees promoted economic literacy by teaching a module on "personal economics" at Jackie Robinson Middle School.

In Denver, more than 100 employees have volunteered in JA classroom and fund-raising activities during the past year. Employees visited classrooms in 26 schools during the year as a means of introducing students to the business world. At the Rocky Mountain JA chapter's "Strike for Education" Bowl-A-Thon, 14 CH2M HILL teams raised more than $6,000 in charitable donations.

Junior Achievement uses hands-on experiences to help young people understand the economics of life. For more information, visit www.ja.org.