

# Government Value Management Conference

## 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June 2008 - Silver Legacy Resort, Reno, NV

### Government Sector Co-Sponsors

Federal Highways Administration	Dept of Interior (Bureau of Reclamation)	Ontario Canada, Ministry of Transportation	Alberta Infrastructure, Government of Alberta
U.S. Department of State	Department of Defense	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	Defense Logistics Agency
Dept of Energy		City of New York	

## AGENDA

### Thursday, 12 June 2008

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- 1130 – 1200**    **Introductions and Welcoming Remarks**  
Facilitators & Dave Wilson, President, SAVE International
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- 1200– 1300**    **KEYNOTE Topic: VM Applied to CM at Risk**  
Speaker: Mr. Jay Harris, Boldt Company
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- 1300 – 1330**    **BREAK**
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- 1330 – 1350**    **Topic: Value Engineering Throughout a Defense System’s Life Cycle**  
Speaker: Dr. Danny Reed, Institute for Defense Analyses
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- 1350 – 1440**    **Topic: Folsom Dam Partnering**  
Speaker: Mary Diel, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District and Tom Cook, US Bureau of Reclamation
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- 1440 – 1500**    **BREAK**
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- 1500 – 1530**    **Topic: Integrating Risk Management into VE Studies**  
Speaker: Jill Woller, City of New York
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- 1530 – 1630**    **Change the Process to Enable Better Results (Working Session)**  
Speaker: John Koga, The Boldt Company
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- 1630 – 1700**    **Closing Remarks and Dismiss for Social with Lake Tahoe Dinner Cruise**

### Friday, 13 June 2008

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- 0730 - 0800**    **Registration, Meet & Greet**
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- 0800 – 0810**    Welcome & Morning Brainstorming Exercise
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- 0810 - 0855**    **Topic: Alternative Delivery Methods**  
Speaker: Renee Hoekstra, RH and Associates, Inc.
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- 0855 - 0910**    **Topic: Verifying VE Results**  
Speaker: Reza Darvishian, U.S. Department of State
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- 0910 - 0920**    **BREAK**
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- 0920 - 0940**    **Topic: Developing a VM Program within the Alberta's Infrastructure Programs**  
Speaker: George Tribe, Alberta Infrastructure, Government of Alberta
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- 0940 - 1000**    **Topic: Value Engineering - Planning for Flexibility**  
Speaker: Fred McAuley, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District
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- 1000-1020**    **Topic: Value Engineering and Design-Build Process - Example of Application on a Large Federal Civil Works Project**  
Speaker: Frank Vicidomina, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District and Ron Tanenbaum, GeoVal and Value Management Strategies, Inc.
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- 1020-1030**    **BREAK into Work Groups for Learning Interactions**
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- 1030-1130**    **Tabletop Exercise**
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- 1130 – 1200**    **WRAP-UP and Closing Remarks**

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## Biographies

- **Mr. Jay Harris**, The Boldt Company

Jay has 39 years experience in the construction industry including 5 years in trades, 10 years field management, 10 years sr. project management, and 14 years executive management for ENR Top 100 contractors. He is a CMAA Certified Construction Manager and DBIA Designated Design Build Professional, a member of SAVE, and he teaches the CMAA Cost Control/Value Engineering program to CMAA groups across the nation. He is a Past ABC Chapter President and Past National AGC Committee on Project Delivery Systems member. Jay's formal education includes accounting, business management, and construction science programs. Jay manages the Northern California Operations for The Boldt Company, which is currently providing preconstruction services for the \$920 million Sutter Cathedral Hill Hospital in San Francisco using Lean Principles under an Integrated Form of Agreement. [Jay.Harris@Boldt.com](mailto:Jay.Harris@Boldt.com)

- **Mary Diel**, AVS, US Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District

Mary Diel has worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District for the past 25 years, mostly in the Information Technology field. She has been the district Value Engineering Officer for the last 3 years and received her AVS in June 2007. [Mary.R.Diel@usace.army.mil](mailto:Mary.R.Diel@usace.army.mil)

- **Tom Cook**, CVS, US Bureau of Reclamation

Thomas M. Cook is currently a Management/Value Analyst at the Bureau of Reclamation Technical Service Center in Denver, CO. During his 7 years in this position he has led numerous cross-functional team studies resulting in both reduced costs and enhanced benefits for users.

In addition to the Bureau of Reclamation, he has worked with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, US Army Corps of Engineers, and a variety of local agencies in applying value process tools to civil and mechanical engineering focused projects.

For approximately 13 years prior to his current position, he led Value and other cross-functional problem solving teams within the private sector. These projects included a variety of industrial and consumer products. Some of his past clients included Ford, General Electric, Whirlpool, Raynor Doors, Clarke Industries, and Hobart Manufacturing.

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- **Jill Woller**, FSAVE CVS-Life, Director, Technical Services, Office of Management & Budget, City of New York

Jill directs the City of New York Value Engineering Program. She has been at NYC OMB for twenty-two years, and has developed the Program almost since its inception. The scale and variety of projects under review is unique, and the NYC Program includes both VE reviews of capital projects of every description and VA studies of agency operations and processes. The wide range of projects demands that OMB undertake extensive outreach for appropriate and credible team expertise. Fireboats, Police facilities, Water Pollution Control Plants, Bridges, Hospitals, Courts, Water Supply projects and Parks have all been recent subjects. VA subjects have ranged from human services, to leasing, to roadway repair.

Jill is a Fellow of SAVE, with degrees in Public Administration and Architecture. She is fortunate to work with a dedicated and skilled technical staff of project managers and contracting personnel. [WollerJ@omb.nyc.gov](mailto:WollerJ@omb.nyc.gov)

- **John Koga**, CVS AIA CDT LEED AP, Director, Value Optimization, The Boldt Company

John Koga is the Value Manager with HerreroBoldt for the Cathedral Hill Hospital project in San Francisco, CA. He is a registered architect and Certified Value Specialist. John graduated from the University of Illinois (Urbana) graduate. He received his Value-engineering Specialist's Diploma from the University of Wisconsin. He has 35 years experience in design and construction, and 15 years experience in formal value engineering practice.

John has published many papers and he is a practitioner of Lean Construction, Choosing By Advantages Decisionmaking System, Theory of Constraints, and Value Methodology. His expertise is often sought out for speaking engagements with various organizations including the American Institute of Architects, International Masonry Institute, Canadian Design-Build Institute, and University of Wisconsin. Mr. John Koga is also President of the WI Chapter of SAVE International. [John.Koga@boldt.com](mailto:John.Koga@boldt.com)

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Mr. George Tribe is currently the Director of Cost Management with Government of Alberta's Infrastructure Ministry. He is leading the development of a Cost Planning and Monitoring Program for capital construction of schools, hospitals, post secondary institutions and government owned buildings. The Program is based on assuring value and includes a formal Value Management component. Mr. Tribe has held a variety of facilities planning, facilities operations and technical support post over the course of his 32 year career. His most recent assignments have focused on leading organizational change and development of computer systems. [George.Tribe@gov.ab.ca](mailto:George.Tribe@gov.ab.ca)

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Reza Darvishian, P.E., AVS, F.ASCE, is Value Engineering Program Manager with the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Overseas Building Operation charged with design and construction of diplomatic facilities world wide. Prior to his current position, Mr. Darvishian held several executive positions with top 500 engineering firms.

Mr. Darvishian is member of SAVE International and he is the past board member and Vice President of National Capital Section. He is also a fellow of American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and has held numerous positions within ASCE, both locally and nationally. He is currently serving as Region 2 Director in ASCE Board of Direction. He is past president of ASCE National Capital Section. Mr. Darvishian has served in numerous local and national ASCE committees.

Mr. Darvishian earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Missouri and a master's degree in engineering management from George Washington University. He is a registered professional engineer in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. [DarvishianR@state.gov](mailto:DarvishianR@state.gov)

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- **Fred M. McAuley, Jr.**, Value Engineering Officer, US Army Corps Of Engineers, Jacksonville District

Fred recently completed 34-years Federal service and is currently serving as the VEO for Jacksonville District, a large and diverse Corps Civil Works programs organization covering flood protection, beach erosion and hurricane protection, navigation construction and maintenance throughout Florida and the Antilles. He completes his fifth year in Jacksonville later this year.

He served as a senior General-Civil Engineer in the OVEST office for 16-years performing VE studies for Corps military programs, Civil Works programs and other Federal programs world-wide. Previous Corps of Engineers engagements include four years with the Savannah District as a Project Manager for Military Programs and three years with the European Division as a Project Manager for Military Programs.

Other job related experiences includes four years with the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Agency, Public Works programs for construction and placement of over 400 Public Works projects valued at \$400 million. And four years with a private A-E firm, John J. Hart & Associates, as a Project Engineer for municipal projects and in private development of commercial and residential properties.

He is a 1973 graduate of Southern Technical Institute with Bachelors in Civil Engineering Technology.

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- **Frank Vicidomina**, Value Engineering Officer, US Army Corps Of Engineers, New Orleans District

Frank is a 1980 graduate of Tulane University, B.S. Civil Engineering and is a licensed Professional Engineer (Civil) in LA and a Certified Value Specialist.

He currently serves as full-time Value Engineering Officer for the Corps New Orleans District. His responsibilities include managing the district VE program and conducting VE studies on various civil works projects such as environmental, flood control and navigation. Frank has been with the District since 1990 and has also served as a relocations engineer and project manager prior to taking over the VE role in 1996.

In addition to publishing several papers focused on alternative utilization of value engineering in government, he has served on the development committee that produced the Corps regulation for VE. Frank is a recipient of the Dept. of Defense VE Professional (1999) and VE Team (2000) awards. He is a member of SAVE International.

Frank and his wife Lisa have a daughter, Torie (13). He enjoys fly-fishing, model rocketry and coaching track when precious time permits. [Frank.Vicidomina@usace.army.mil](mailto:Frank.Vicidomina@usace.army.mil)

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- **Ronald J. Tanenbaum**, PhD, PE, GE, CVS, F.ASCE is President of GeoVal, Inc., Senior Value Engineer with Value Management Strategies

Dr. Tanenbaum has over 39 years of experience in geotechnical engineering. His expertise includes applying earth material mechanics and geology to solving engineering, environmental, construction, mining, urban, environmental, and solid waste issues. Dr. Tanenbaum's geotechnical engineering expertise includes water/wastewater/pipelines, pump stations and treatment facilities, slope stabilization, dams, transportation (road and rail), earthwork, retaining structure, shallow and deep foundation systems, pavements, landfills, geologic hazards, ground stabilization, environmental studies and EIRs, and site investigations; and value management and forensic engineering. He has also been responsible for construction management of geotechnical-related reconstruction projects and has served as Lead Consultant, Principal-in-Charge and/or Project Manager on hundreds of geotechnical projects across the country and in Mexico, Korea, Saipan, and Guam.

Dr. Tanenbaum is also actively involved in the practice of Value Engineering having participated in, co-facilitated and/or facilitated approximately 100 value engineering workshops of which over 40 have been for the Corps. As a member of SAVE International, where he serves as Vice President - Membership of the San Diego Chapter, and is certified by SAVE as a Certified Value Specialist. He has conducted value engineering workshops for numerous agencies including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, California Department of Transportation, and the San Diego Water and Wastewater Department. [Ron@vms-inc.com](mailto:Ron@vms-inc.com)