Abram Creek Improvement Project

Air Force One with the President on board arrives on July 1, 2002
Up until now, this year’s workload was pretty much left over from last year. But be assured, that even with the large amount of work on hand, our estimating department was busy looking for more.

Earlier in the year we did land the jobs in Akron and Beachwood, but beyond that it has been a tough bidding market. Just lately it seems we have found the low bidding magic again.

One new exciting project will be the Cleveland Hopkins/NASA relocation job, which will start construction in July. This will be a 12-month project that when complete, along with a couple more relocation jobs, will allow our Abram Creek force to fill across the former NASA property to make way for the new runway.

We also are low bidder on a roadway project to build a marginal road on the west end of Rockside Road in Independence. Hopefully, this can begin in July and be complete next year.

There are always site jobs to bid on and we hope to be starting at least one new one in July as well.

It should be busy right up until the weather changes or if it’s like last year we’ll just keep working right through to next year!

Have a great, safe work season!

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Down The Road

Vic DiGeronimo Sr.

Dick Strebig, Loyal and Dedicated

Our company suffered a serious loss in April with the sudden passing of Dick Strebig. I had known him for about forty years. Dick worked for another company back in the early sixties. As an equipment operator I loaded his truck for a few years prior to his employment with us. When his employer dissolved his company, I asked Dick to work for us. It was a great move for our company and turned out to be very beneficial. From that day until he left us, he never changed. He remained hard working, prompt, dedicated and loyal. His truck was always clean, shiny and in topnotch condition.

Dick was a great representative for our company and always promoted us whenever an opportunity arose. He was our Union Steward for Local No. 436, of the Teamsters, always executing his duties fairly and professionally. When he worked for his previous employer and on rental to us, he always took the first load out in the morning and the last at night, always a couple of loads more than anyone else. We developed a close friendship over the years rather than the normal employer/employee relationship.

We had been betting on a Nascar car for the last few years and his loyalty was once again proven. When we chose our car several years ago through this bond, he chose Bill Elliot, a great driver in his time, 10-12 years ago. For the last few years however, going through the normal attrition that race drivers do, he didn’t win very many races. But being loyal as he was, Dick stuck with him until the end. However, Elliot did win the last race before Dick passed on. I am very grateful to his family for giving me his last model car of his Elliot collection. I will be forever grateful and it will always remind me that he beat me last! Although he is no longer with us and leaves a void in our workforce and hearts, he will always be remembered.

His family, relatives and friends will always remember Dick as a great husband, father, grandfather, loyal worker and great friend. I am sure he is in a better place right now, as we will rely on our faith to get us through these difficult times.

On behalf of the DiGeronimo Family and all of our employees we express our deepest sympathies to Pat and all of his family. Rest in Peace Dick.

Arrivederci!
Chris Sicker, Safety Director

The employees of Independence Excavating are proud to be the recipient of two distinguished safety awards during the 2001 and 2002 construction seasons.

The first award we received for the fifth consecutive year was presented by the Construction Employers Association (CEA) Safety Incentive Program. The Safety Incentive Program (SIP) was designed to reward contractors for providing a safe place of employment for trades people, as well as a means to determine the effectiveness of the programs efforts to promote safety on the construction job site. The safety award recognizes companies that have achieved a lost workday incident rate 25% below the national average for heavy and highway construction.

Independence Excavating was also recognized with the OSHA Elite Partner Award for the second consecutive year. The award promotes the partnership agreement between the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA), the Construction Employers Association (CEA) and the Cleveland Building and Construction Trades. Only contractors who have demonstrated the highest level of safety and the best safety practices are eligible to participate in the program. Under the agreement, OSHA will exempt CEA contractors who are eligible to participate from programmed inspections. In return, contractors must maintain a 3-year average lost workday incident rate 25% below the national average, conduct safety training, and not have any willful violations.

When employees work accident free, it reduces hidden costs such as expenses for hiring replacement workers, training new workers, job delays due to medical treatment, equipment downtime, accident investigation, and OSHA or other regulatory inspections. Most importantly, it is our company’s moral obligation to protect the health and welfare of our employees.

Safety Excellence is Good Business!!!

PETE BOYAS  IN MEMORIAM

Pete Boyas and my brother Don started their excavating companies around the same time. They were friendly rivals but were both very passionate about their dreams. Their lives centered around building their companies to be the very best. I doubt either of these great pioneers could have ever imagined what we now see today. My brothers and I extend our sympathies to the Boyas family in addition to Mayor Lou Bacci, who was the brother Pete always wanted.

Bobby DiGeronimo
In 2001, the City of Cleveland Department of Port Control (DPC) awarded the Abram Creek Improvement Project to Independence Excavating as part of the major expansion program at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CHIA). The project has the distinction of being the largest single contract ever awarded to Independence Excavating. The administration of the project began in June of 2001 with actual construction beginning in January 2002. The scheduled completion is set for mid-year 2004.

The primary purpose of this project is to divert 3,800 lf of Abram Creek into an underground culvert to allow the new runway to be built over the creek and existing ravine. The culvert will consist of four 10 foot diameter concrete pipes which, when installed will be 13,812 lf or just over 1,700 pieces. The culvert also includes three massive concrete structures each larger than the size of most houses. Included is an Outlet Structure (OS) at the downstream end, a Drop Structure (DS) near the mid-point of the culvert pipes and an Inlet Transition Structure (ITS) located where the creek enters the CHIA property at the upstream end near Grayton Road.

Prior to installation of the pipe, the ravine site requires an immense amount of preparation. In cut areas, we must excavate approximately 300,000 cubic yards from a 55 to 60 foot wide channel up to 65 feet deep through soil and hard shale. In fill areas, the unstable creek bottom soil is undercut and backfilled with engineered fill.

Once the preparation is complete, the pipe is installed using a 988F loader fitted with a lifting device conceived by Vic DiGeronimo Jr. and designed by our own Indy Equipment. The pipe is then backfilled to three-fourths the height of the pipe with flowable fill to provide a uniform bedding without voids.

After the pipe is installed, the ravine is filled with 3.8 million cubic yards or 200,000 truck loads of dirt that is generated from culvert pipe excavation, stockpiles from other airport projects and a 39- acre retention pond.

The project also includes the installation of 6,300 lf of 120" pipe that will intercept drainage from the airport and carry it to the newly excavated retention pond. There is another 12,500 lf of drainage pipe from 24" to 72" in diameter to complete the site drainage.

Special note: To view a more detailed description of this project, visit our web site at www.indexc.com. Although Larry Hrovat has written an excellent article in a relatively limited space, the true magnitude of this project cannot be appreciated without seeing. He would be happy to set up a tour if you’re interested. It also cannot be completed without the input of many more company personnel that allow those of us directly associated with the job to make it happen. It also would not have been possible to even bid such a project without the depth, experience and relationships our organization has gained over the last 50 years in business. That is why our entire organization and business partners are responsible for us being able to perform a $50 million project. Congratulations to all!

Tony DiGeronimo
Abram Creek Improvement Project

With such a large project, there are many individuals involved who make it all happen. We would like to acknowledge the following entities and their respective representatives for their contributions to the project:

City of Cleveland
   Mayor Jane Campbell
   Dave McGuirk - Chief Operating Officer

City of Cleveland DPC
   Mike Konicek – Director
   Chris Nelson – Deputy Director
   Erin McGuiness – Administrator of Engineer & Planning
   Mark Villem – Chief Engineer
   Fred Luzano – Project Manager – DPC
   Heidi Pruess – Environmental Manager

Program Management Team (PMT)
   Dave Brown – Program Manager
   Jerry Sheets – Airside Construction Manager
   Hugh Holley – Resident Engineer
   Doug Thomas – Office Engineer
   Brenda Johnson – Chief Inspector
   Michael Nader – Senior Estimator
   Dawn Nighman – Senior Scientist
   Darci Hauser – Environmental Scientist
   Jim Elia – Safety Director

Design Engineers – CDM
   Kellie Carpenter, John Aldrich, Greg Schell, Milt Kaplan and
   Virginia Carter

DLZ
   Ed Stribula

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   Ballast Fence Co., Forest City Erectors, Geo-Sci, Inc., Granger
   Trucking, Indy Equipment, JMD, KS Associates, Lawrence Harris
   Construction, LT Services, McKinney Drilling, Mohawk Rebar
   Services, Perk Construction, Regency Construction Services,
   S.E. Johnson Companies, Tus-Con Plus, Inc. and Vermillion
   Tree and Land Clearing

The Independence Excavating Management Team
   Tony DiGeronimo – VP Operations
   Larry Hrovat – Project Manager
   Vic DiGeronimo Jr. – Special Equipment Acquisitions
   Dave Bevan – Superintendent
   Rick Robertson – Superintendent
   Chuck Begue – Superintendent
   Rich Schieferstein – Foreman
   Ken Haber – Project Manager
   Leo Slansky – Assistant Project Manager
   Becki Swislocki – Office Manager

Finally, a BIG, BIG thanks to the hard working Operators, Laborers, Teamsters and Mechanics of Independence Excavating who have been performing all of this BIG work with skill and professionalism.
NEW PROJECTS

2002 CREEK MAINTENANCE
Owner: City of Independence
Scope of work: Maintenance of various creek channels and yard drainage structures throughout the City of Independence. Work includes installation of gabions, storm drainage, rock channel protection and site restoration.

VERIZON WIRELESS MTSO BUILDING
Location: 1250 Ann Marie Pkwy., Akron
General Contractor: Turner Construction Co.
Scope of work: Earthwork, utilities and paving.

NASA SMIRF
Location: Inside NASA Glenn-Creek Rd., Brookpark
Owner: City of Cleveland
Scope of work: Turnkey project for new cryogenics research facility.

BEACHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL
Location: Richmond Rd., Beachwood, Ohio
Start: 7/15/02 Complete: 8/1/03
Owner: Beachwood City Schools
Construction Manager: Albert M. Higley Co.
Scope of work: Building demo, site demo, earthwork & grading, utilities, asphalt paving, and landscaping

MBNA IV – UTILITIES
Location: Beachwood, Ohio
General Contractor: Whiting – Turner Construction Co.
Scope of work: Site utilities for the new MBNA building including waterline and sanitary.

LEGACY VILLAGE
Location: Corners of Richmond & Cedar Roads
Owner: First Interstate
Scope of work: Site grading, mass excavation, and storm utilities installation.

Oldies but Goodies
Black River Bridge Project – January 1972
Contract with J.M. Foster Construction
Operator – A “young kid” – Ed Wilk
Completed Project

**OHIO TURNPIKE TRAVEL PLAZAS**

Independence Excavating finished work on travel plazas #5 at milepost 140 in Vermillion/Amherst. Work included demolition of the existing buildings & water tower, removal of petroleum contaminated soil, site utilities, earthwork, fueling stations, pavement and concrete. Additional work was also performed on earthen mounds, storm water retention basins, and a new water tank and booster pump system to supplement the water supply to the building. A great many thanks to all our employees, subcontractors and suppliers for a job well done! A special thank you to Gino Zomparelli, his staff of qualified engineers and the Dick Corporation for their efforts in building this project.

**Crushing Projects**

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Happy Birthday

JULY
3 TED WALLINGFORD
3 DAVID WITUSIK
4 RON BROCCO
4 CHRIS SCHUERGER
5 JOSEPH MARTIN
5 GREG RIETH
8 MARK SHAUGHNESSY
11 JAMES IACAMPO
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AUGUST
1 JOE DIGERONIMO
1 RUSSELL VAN DYKE
2 JOSEPH LEOPOLD
2 LEO SLANSKY
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5 WALTER LAIRD
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SEPTEMBER
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