

## On the Move

**THE PBSJ CORPORATION** and its subsidiary company, PBS&J, have been acquired by Atkins, the world's 11th largest design firm. With PBSJ's existing local knowledge, solid track record for client service, and an established support and management infrastructure as a foundation, Atkins is now on course to develop a stronger business in the US, leveraging combined experience and using the PBSJ business as a platform to achieve this.

ACC member firms **CDM** and **WILBUR SMITH ASSOCIATES (WSA)** are pleased to announce the acquisition of WSA by CDM. The combined organization expands both firms' global, full-service capabilities in water, environment, transportation, energy and facilities. The integration of CDM and WSA brings together one of the engineering and construction industry's top water and environment firms with an industry leader in transportation. The addition of WSA's leading expertise in transportation enhances CDM's service portfolio and extends the firm's presence in Asia and the Middle East. Similarly, CDM enhances WSA's capabilities in water, environment and design-build services. The two firms have compatible cultures and values, complementary capabilities, strong commitments to exceptional client service and technical excellence and well-matched geographies.

**MR. THOMAS F. BARRY, JR., PE** has been appointed to Director of Operations for Transportation in North America at Atkins. Most recently Tom served as business development director for transportation. Previously he led the firm's surface transportation sector, overseeing the technical operations of more than 700 employees. Barry has more than 30 years of transportation engineering experience and previously served as the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) secretary, where he was responsible for management and operation of eight districts and the FDOT headquarters. During his nearly 24 years with FDOT, Tom also served as assistant secretary for

finance and administration and District Five secretary.

**MS. ALLYSON GIPSON** has joined Heery International as Project Director for the company's West Region. Gipson will oversee operations, business development and strategic planning in Heery's California offices, which currently include Los Angeles, Long Beach and Sacramento. Gipson brings more than 25 years of experience in the program and construction management arena. Gipson has served as a Southern California chapter board member for the Construction Management Association of America and is an associate member of the American Institute of Architects. Gipson is also a member and certified mediator of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

**MS. PAMELA KEIDEL-ADAMS** has joined Landrum & Brown as Managing Director. Keidel-Adams most recently served as Director of Aviation Planning, Economics and Freight at Wilbur Smith Associates. She brings over 20 years of experience in aviation, including aviation system planning, air service development, activity forecasting, public outreach, airport development and coordination planning and project management. Pam most recently served as Director of Aviation Planning, Economics and Freight at Wilbur Smith Associates.

**MR. PAUL NEAL** has been named a Principal Consultant in the Washington, D.C. office of Parsons Brinckerhoff (PB). In his new position, Mr. Neal will be responsible for providing strategic advice to PB's transportation clients in airport, rail, transit and highways infrastructure and operations project planning. Mr. Neal has almost 30 years of experience as a strategy, operations and planning expert whose career has included senior roles in new start-up transportation and infrastructure ventures in the private and public sectors, as well as international strategic management consulting experience.

## And the Winner Is...

**GRESHAM, SMITH AND PARTNERS** is pleased to announce the completion of an integrated baggage handling and screening system upgrade at Nashville International Airport (BNA) for the Metropolitan Nashville Airport Authority. GS&P provided architecture and design services as part of a design/build team led by Messer Construction Company. The \$32 million project enhances and streamlines operational activities with regards to safety and security of the baggage screening process and increases public space in the ticket lobby.

To meet heightened security requirements post-9/11, several EDS and explosive trace detection (ETD) machines were installed in the BNA ticket lobby and a two-step baggage check-in process was introduced. This project removes existing EDS and ETD machines from public spaces and ticket counters have been pushed back; both supporting the effort to increase space to facilitate passenger flow in the ticketing lobby. Passengers are now able to place checked baggage on a conveyor located adjacent to the ticket counter upon check-in. A state-of-the-art automated sort controlled, outbound Glidepath baggage handling system was installed below the airport and screens all baggage out of view of the passenger.

## ACC Updates

Between February and May 2011, ACC released an email supplement to this publication. These supplements are also available at [www.ACOnline.org](http://www.ACOnline.org).

### Regulatory News

#### RN 11-01 (MARCH 3, 2011)

- FAA Extends Comment Period on SMS NPRM to July 5, 2011; Agency Will Solicit and Answer Questions from the Industry