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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings!

It is officially fall. Unbelievable how quickly one quarter of our leadership year has been completed. It has been an eventful three months; from successful general membership meetings to the establishment of a perpetual scholarship in honor of our friend and coworker, Doug Plack. (Please see article written by scholarship task force chair Roger Wozny later in this newsletter.)



The annual Omaha Post Industry Day held during August was a success. Thanks to all who helped make the conference a success, including all who attended! Highlights of the events included a luncheon presentation by Dr. Todd Stewart, Ohio State University, on the topic of National Defense, and program briefings by USACE Omaha and Kansas City Districts. The 1.5 day training event was followed by a morning of Golf with proceeds from the event funding our Training and Education activities.

Industry Day, and the associated education and networking opportunities, is just one benefit that comes with membership in the Omaha Post. Additional benefits include opportunities for continuing education credits, and the ability to connect with top engineering officials from the public and private sector. If you know of others in your organization or in your personal network that aren't a member of The Society, won't you share this list of benefits with them? I am sure they would be appreciative of this opportunity to enhance their professional skills and education.

Thank you,

Jeanne LeBron
 President
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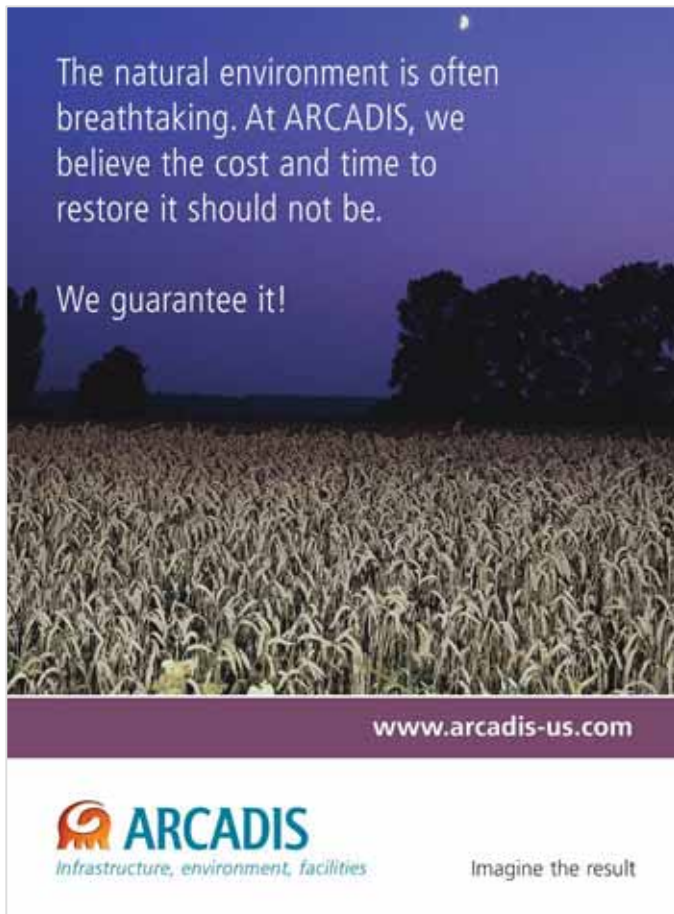
CORPS CONDUCTS CHANGE OF COMMAND

From the USACE Omaha Post Web

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, conducted a change of command ceremony on September 22 to recognize the arrival of Col. David C. Press as its new commander. The ceremony took place at Wehrspann Lake in Omaha, Neb.

Col. Press succeeds Col. Jeffrey A. Bedey, who served as commander since July 2004.

The Omaha District is responsible for a variety of missions within its military and civil works boundaries. As the Corps' largest geographic district, it is responsible for federal civil works activities in the upper Missouri River basin, engineering design and construction for the Army and Air Force in eight Mountain and Upper Midwest states---a 700,000 square mile area. It is also a leader in environmental cleanup work at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Defense sites throughout the United States.



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DOUG PLACK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

By Roger Wozny



During July of this year, the Omaha Post experienced a tragedy when Douglas A. Plack was murdered. Doug, a hard-working SAME volunteer, was employed by the Corps for 29 years, and was the Chief of

Military Programs for the Omaha District. He was shot and killed as he walked to work, by a former Corps employee who lost his job in 1999 through a reduction in force.

In appreciation of his many years of volunteer assistance to the organization, the Omaha Post has established the Doug Plack Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship has been established in perpetuity, and from this date forward, will provide education and training funds for a member of the Society, or for someone in their family. The goal of the Plack Scholarship is to raise a base of \$20,000, from which the annual interest (approximately \$1,000) will be given to one student per year. The first recipients of the scholarship will be Doug's children, (Adam and Whitney).

Will you help us remember Doug - and continue his legacy of mentoring, assisting, and participating? Please donate to the Doug Plack Memorial scholarship by sending your check, made payable to SAME-Omaha Post, to Box 24804, Omaha, NE 68124. Please note on the memo line that the check is for the Plack Scholarship Fund.



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CARTER & BURGESS ADDS MARVIN FISHER AS VICE PRESIDENT



Marvin Fisher has joined Carter & Burgess as a program manager for Building Programs in Fort Worth. Fisher will support the firm in program management, financial planning, land development planning, facility operations and contingency engineering for national Air Force contracts.

Fisher comes to Carter & Burgess after a 25-year career in the United States Air Force, where he rose to the rank of colonel. He retired as one of the top senior leaders in the U.S. Air Force Civil Engineering Department. Fisher's last assignment prior to retiring was the command civil engineer and deputy director of installations and mission support for the Air Force Space Command headquarters at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. He has also served as director for the Programs Division of the Office of the Civil Engineer at the U.S. Air Force headquarters, where he provided policy guidance, budgeting, and strategic planning for 166 installations and 61,000 Air Force engineering personnel located worldwide.



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Among his accomplishments, Fisher managed the development and execution of a \$580-million redevelopment plan for Aviano Air Base in Italy. He also directed the execution of the Air Force's first land for construction project at Los Angeles Air Force Base and led the Congressional Liaison office for the Air Force civil engineer director.

Fisher earned a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1981, and later earned Master of Science degrees in engineering management and national resource strategies from the Air Force Institute of Technology and the National Defense University respectively.

HARVEY BRINGS HYDRAULIC BRIDGE DESIGN EXPERIENCE TO KIRKHAM MICHAEL

Kirk Harvey, P.E., has recently joined Kirkham Michael as a Hydraulic Engineer. He brings with him four years of in-depth hydraulic bridge design experience as well as an additional four years of construction services experience, which includes all aspects of bridge construction, culverts, asphalt laydown, concrete pavement, earthwork quantities, and storm sewer pipes.

His expertise with hydraulic bridge design includes: hydrologic analysis; calculating general, local and abutment scour depths; designing federally funded state bridge and box culverts; and analysis of environmental impacts. In addition to hydraulic bridge design experience, he has project management experience and is NBIS (National Bridge Inspection Standards) certified in bridge inspection.

Kirk received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

“Having worked for Nebraska Department of Roads, Kirk brings a lot of knowledge to our firm,” said Roger M. Helgoth, PE, DEE, Kirkham Michael vice president and manager of Nebraska operations. “We’re excited to offer his expertise to our clients.”

A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR:

If you have any articles, press releases, or information you would like published in the next issue, please send them to me at:

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By Bill Glismann and Roy Singleton

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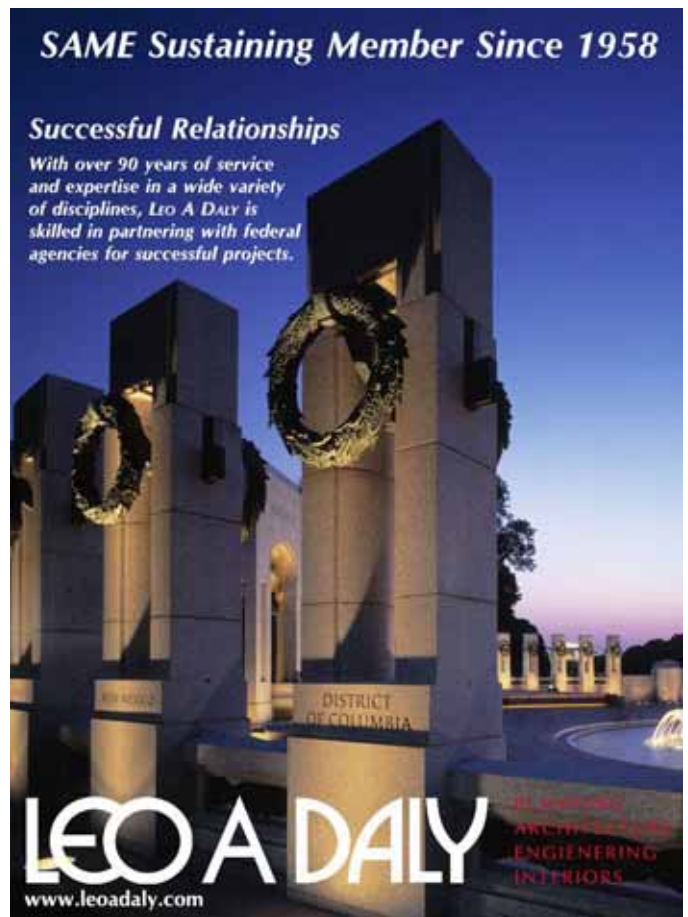
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YOU CAN SUPPORT THE OMAHA POST STUDENT MENTORING PROGRAM THROUGH CFC

By Danielle Talkington, MPA, USACE

This year, Federal employees have the opportunity to support the Omaha Post Student Initiative Mentoring Program through their contributions to the Heart of the Midlands Combined Federal Campaign, which consists of all Federal work locations in 91 Nebraska and 8 southwest Iowa counties. The Student Initiative Mentoring Program is a "Local Organization" and is listed on page 18 of the 2006 Contributor's Brochure. The four-digit agency code is **8962**.

The Student Initiative Mentoring Program (SIMP) empowers area Junior High and High School students to clarify, pursue, and achieve career dreams while affording the opportunity to learn life-changing lessons from one another. Having completed its eleventh successful year, the program continues to carry out SAME's vision of advancing the engineering and architectural professions by focusing on the youth of America.

The Program enables students to learn in a professional work environment, beyond the academic

arena, as they participate in a “real world” project led by professionals. The process is competitive and it affords students an opportunity to experience how professionals define the scope of a problem and how they work through and ultimately present their solutions on technical projects. The unique aspect of this program is that the students are invited to form their own team, select their own project topic, set the scope of their efforts, and determine the content of their end product or deliverable. The student teams are required to prepare written reports and give 20 minute oral presentations to a panel of judges. In 2005, 58 architectural and engineering professionals from Omaha Post Sustaining Member firms donated their time mentoring students on problem solving and project development, as well as, providing insights into their careers by office tours and personal experiences.

A total of 31-teams from 24-schools presented projects at the 2004-2005 competition held at the Scott Conference Center on the University of Nebraska at Omaha Campus. Following the competition, all the 341 participating students were honored at an awards ceremony and reception. One high school and one junior high school were presented with Honor Awards for overall high scoring

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teams. Ten other teams were presented with Merit Awards for demonstrating outstanding performance in various categories. In addition to receiving a trophy, each winning team received a cash award to be used by the students to purchase equipment, computer hardware and software or books for their schools. The overall winning high school also received a scholarship to be given to a graduating student pursuing an architectural, engineering or science related degree.

SAME OMAHA POST SCHOLARSHIP FUND

By Stacy Meacham, MFG

The dollars donated to our split kitty at the monthly General Membership Meetings are adding up for our scholarship fund. In the past, scholarships have been awarded to students enrolled in the College of Engineering & Technology, Omaha or Lincoln campus. The committee is hoping to expand the candidate pool this year and is working on arrangements to also offer a scholarship to eligible engineering students enrolled at Iowa State University.

Preference in awards is given to students who are members in good standing of SAME, and/or whose parent/guardian is a member in good standing. Candidates must have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 and must submit a 250-word essay demonstrating their knowledge of the SAME mission. Scholarships are awarded for one academic year, but may be renewed upon applications. Additional information regarding applications can be found at the Omaha post website at www.sameomaha.org.

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PRESIDENT BUSH TAPS MARY PETERS TO BE NEXT TRANSPORTATION SECRETARY

President Bush has selected Mary Peters, former FHWA administrator, to succeed Norman Mineta as secretary of transportation. Peters is HDR's national director for transportation policy and consulting, based in the Phoenix office.



The president announced the nomination at a White House ceremony with Peters at his side.

"She's going to make an outstanding secretary of transportation," Mr. Bush said, urging the Senate to rapidly approve her nomination.

"It is a job that requires vision and strong leadership," the president said. "Mary Peters is the right person for this job. She brings a lifetime of experience on transportation issues from both the private and the public sectors."

Peters said that if confirmed, she would try to improve a transportation infrastructure that is showing signs of aging.

"We are experiencing increasing congestion on our nation's highways, railways, airports and seaports, and we're robbing our nation of productivity and our citizens of quality time with their families," Peters said. "In some cases this is the result of systems and structures that are more suited to a bygone era than to the 21st century."

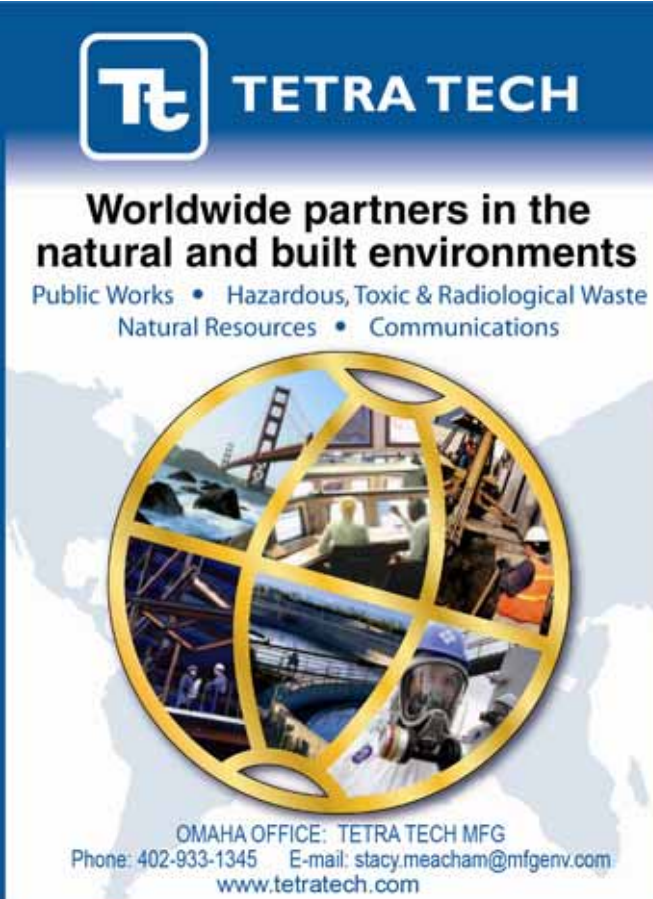


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KIRKHAM MICHAEL WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS TO ENVIRONMENTAL TEAM

Kirkham Michael welcomes its newest team members! Holly O'Dell joins Kirkham Michael as an Environmental Scientist and Project Geologist in their Water/Wastewater department. She has over 10 years of experience in subsurface risk assessment. Her specialties include conducting NEPA research and documentation, environmental analysis, due diligence, underground storage tank (UST) closures, UST Assessments (Risk Base Corrective Action Tier 1 and Tier 2 Assessments), annual compliance monitoring for low and high risk sites, and landfill sampling and reporting.

O'Dell has also assisted in preparing the environmental analysis portion of feasibility studies, Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments, and NEPA documents. Additional duties have included ensuring compliance with state and federal agencies, NEPA guidelines, and environmental regulations.

Holly received her Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. She is a member of Society of Women Engineers.



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Kirkham Michael also welcomes Julie Godberson as their new Wetland Biologist. Julie brings with her seven years of experience in conducting terrestrial and aquatic field experiments, including wetland delineations and habitat assessments for a variety of land management projects for both governmental and private natural resource organizations in Nebraska.

Her area of experience includes preparing NEPA documentation, preparing and processing Department of the Army 404 wetland permits, terrestrial habitat impact evaluations, threatened and endangered species impact assessments, aquatic habitat evaluation evaluations, and state water rights permits. Additional duties have included ensuring compliance to the Nebraska Nongame Threatened and Endangered Species Act and U.S. Endangered Species Act as well as the U.S. Clean Water Act. She also has several years experience applying Geographical Informational Systems (GIS) and Global Positioning Systems technologies to natural resource conservation and management activities.

Julie received her Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Studies and her M.A. in Biology and Plant Ecology from the University of Nebraska-Omaha. She is a member of the Nebraska chapter of the Wildlife Society.

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“We are very excited to add to our environmental team,” said Roger M. Helgoth, PE, DEE, Kirkham Michael vice president and manager of Nebraska operations. “Our clients will definitely benefit from the expertise they bring to our firm.”

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HDR ACQUIRES WHM TRANSPORTATION CONSULTANTS

HDR, a national architectural-engineering-consulting firm with 12 offices in Texas, has acquired WHM Transportation Engineering Consultants, Inc., based in Austin, Texas. Financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed. Going forward, WHM will conduct business as HDR | WHM.

WHM offers a full range of traffic engineering and planning services, including network transportation modeling, traffic signal design, traffic control plans, toll feasibility, travel demand modeling and traffic impact analysis studies.

“WHM has a great deal of respect from the public agencies and private clients who work with them,” said George Little, president, HDR Engineering, Inc. “We couldn’t be more pleased about how their talents will complement the rest of the HDR program, both in Texas and nationwide. Their traffic engineering expertise is second to none, and their integrity and client service mindset make them a great fit with our culture.”

Under the new corporate structure, WHM principals Heidi Ross, Mike McInturff and Rashed Islam will be vice presidents. All three are registered professional engineers and certified professional traffic operations engineers who take a hands-on approach to client service.

“Everyone at WHM is excited about joining HDR, because it allows us to expand what we can offer our clients, the capability to reach even more clients, and perhaps more importantly, to do so as part of a team that shares our values,” said Ross. “We wanted to take the next step in our growth, but it had to be the right fit for our employees and for our clients.”

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WESTSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL SIMP WINNERS PRESENT AT INDUSTRY DAY

By Roy Singleton

The WMS SIMP Team showcased their 2005-06 Award Winning Project at the Qwest Center. On Wednesday, August 23 at the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) Industry Day Conference, Creighton Gerber, Ben MacKenzie, Kaylan Maloley, Bret Perry and Anne Sundell presented their project that renovated Pinal Park.

Students gave a conversational presentation to educate conference participants about their SIMP experience and explained their project. Last spring this team won the Innovation Award at the SAME/SIMP competition.



Westside Middle School Winning Team pictured with Roy Singleton

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Also participating in this year's Industry Day events and showing off their merit winning project were seniors from Daniel J Gross High School, Adam Gehringer, Matt Millington, and Jake Zimmerer. Their project, titled the St. Columbkille Parish Office Complex, won the Teamwork Award which consisted of a special plaque and \$250.



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KIRKHAM MICHAEL WELCOMES ROGER M. HELGOTH AS NEW NEBRASKA OPERATIONS MANAGER

Roger M. Helgoth, P.E., DEE, has joined Kirkham Michael as the new manager for their Nebraska operations. He brings with him 36 years of environmental engineering experience.

Roger's major areas of experience include: municipal and industrial wastewater treatment; water supply, storage and treatment; storm water management; hazardous waste remedial investigation and feasibility studies; remedial design and remedial action; medical waste investigation and remediation; underground storage tank investigation and remedial action; water resources, lake restoration and watershed management; livestock waste management; environmental site assessments; quality management; and value engineering.

Helgoth will be responsible for the day-to-day activities of the Nebraska offices (located in Omaha, Lincoln, and York) including production, quality assurance, business development, staffing, and employee development and training. Roger maintains a detailed understanding and working knowledge of

federal and state environmental regulations and laws, which will be of great benefit to Kirkham Michael's clients.

"Roger is very well known and well respected throughout Nebraska.

Having co-founded a consulting firm, his experience and industry knowledge will help carry us to the next level," says Dale E. Miller, President and CEO of Kirkham Michael. "His leadership will be invaluable not only to our employees but to our clients as well."

Roger is an avid Husker fan. In his spare time, he enjoys spending it outdoors fishing, hunting and playing an occasional game of golf.

Helgoth is a licensed professional engineer in the states of Nebraska and Iowa. He is past president and national director of American Council of Engineering Companies of Nebraska and is currently on the Nebraska Board of Engineers and Architects. He is also involved in numerous other professional and civic organizations. Roger has his B.S. in Civil Engineering and his M.S. in Environmental Engineering from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

2006 OMAHA POST INDUSTRY DAY

By Chuck Paukert, Industry Day Chair

The Omaha Post hosted its annual Industry Day on August 22-23 at the Omaha Qwest Center, with our golf outing on the 24th. This year's theme was "Are we having Fun", partially reflecting the volatility of the federal programs. This year's activities included over 170 participants, 40 exhibit booths and 140 golfers.

The motivational speaker was Telfryn L. John, P.E. with Professional Services Industries, Inc. He addressed the group on the topic "Involving Everyone in your Firm-Make Money and Have Fun" to get the conference in motion. There were numerous breaks between sessions for networking in the exhibit area.

The Wednesday luncheon speaker was MG Todd Stewart. MG Stewart retired from the U.S. Air Force two years ago and is director of "Program for International & Homeland Security" at The Ohio State University. His presentation was captivating and included current information on threats, the aggressors and their methods. Interspersed in the presentation was appropriate light humor.

Program update briefings were conducted by Omaha District & Kansas City District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Air Force, Offutt AFB, NE. A representative of the Design-Build Institute, who is under contract with the Omaha District Corps of Engineers, offered a perspective on Best Practices. Sessions included discussions on numerous challenges to the Military Construction Program, including Centers of Standardization, Model RFP, Army Transformation, and Design-Build.

Long time Omaha Post supporter and active Industry Day Committee member, Doug Plack, who was slain in June, was recognized for his contributions to the post and the organization. Doug's wife was present at the Wednesday luncheon to accept the post's identification of a scholarship to be named in Doug's honor.



Linda Plack pictured with Randy Petersen, USACE

If you would like copies of the presentations or a list of attendees to Industry Day, visit our website at www.sameomaha.org.



Welcome New Members!

By Al Tarrell, Membership Committee Chair

New Individual Members

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