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GRATIOT COUNTY WIND FARM

Over the last five years, Aristeo has constructed 11 wind farms capable of producing well over 1,000 megawatts of power, all of which were out of state. Aristeo is thrilled to be home working on Michigan's largest wind project to date. The 212 megawatt Gratiot County Wind Farm Project is located in Breckenridge, Michigan. Upon completion, it will consist of 133 GE 1.6 megawatt turbines, which stand 100 meters tall at the turbine hub. The project will provide clean, renewable power to more than 50,000 Michigan homes.

Aristeo is the General Contractor working with the project developer, Invenergy LLC. This Balance of Plant (BOP) contract includes road construction, foundation placement, turbine erection, site restoration, and road repairs. The project site is spread over 88 square miles – the largest wind farm site Aristeo has worked on to date. With such a large project area, each turbine site requires extensive planning and coordination.



Erecting the blades at Gratiot County Wind Farm



Pouring base foundations

The Gratiot County Wind Farm is scheduled to take 13 months to complete with a majority of the turbine erection taking place during the coming fall and winter months.

The project will help utilities meet Michigan's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), which mandates that 10% of the state's energy come from renewable sources by 2015. Aristeo is proud to support renewable energy development in Michigan.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This cool weather signals that another beautiful fall is in full swing. Fall is my favorite time of year, with Michigan's natural beauty displayed at its peak. This fall has been even more enjoyable due to some other important factors; the Tigers made an impressive late season pennant run, the Lions won seven straight games (including the pre-season) and my beloved wolverines are doing much better with their new coaching staff!



On September 9th, we had a company event at our Gratiot County Wind Farm project in Breckenridge, Michigan. Our tenth wind park project is our first in our home state of Michigan and gave us a chance to bring a large group of Aristeo people on a field trip. This large project, 133 wind turbines, is on schedule and is going well, thanks to the dedication and hard work of our project team. Lunch included a locally prepared roasted pig...life is good!

I continue to be amazed by the strength of our core automotive business and the resurgence of manufacturing and related spending that continues to grow. We are seeing more projects than I can remember (my memory serves as no litmus test) and many large programs going forward foreshadow a strong 2012. Other markets in which we participate, power, steel, chemical, and petroleum, all seem strong. The only possible negative would be a slowdown in Wind Energy, though we are still bidding on many new projects. When I speak with my construction buddies around the country they are still struggling with down housing, commercial, and institutional markets. I feel we are blessed to have this fortune in these otherwise trying times.

In closing, I'd like to apologize to some customers who have voiced displeasure with information working its way into this newsletter that should not be public. The "Giornale" started as an internal news letter and grew over the years to include our clients. We may have gotten too casual with some information: we have revised our processes and this will not happen again.

Regards,

RECENT AWARDS

Detroit Diesel

Wet Deck Demolition/Replacement
Location – Detroit, Michigan
Estimator – **Cody Telgheder**
Project Director – **Jon Rigoni**
Project Manager – **Brian Pease**
Field Superintendent – **Ryan Martin**

Ford Motor Company

Valiant Machine & Tool - C344 Body Shop
Tooling Installation, Michigan Assembly Plant
Location – Wayne, Michigan
Estimator & Project Manager – **Ricky Hayes**
Field Superintendent – **Dan Heemsoth**

Ford Motor Company

Parking Lot/Pedestrian Bridge
Construction Management Services
Location – Chicago, Illinois
Estimator – **Kirk Peilet**
Project Director – **Ryan McCarthy**
Project Manager – **Jeff Rupp**

STENCO RECENT AWARDS

General Motors Corporation

General Assembly Tooling & Equipment
Installation, Arlington Assembly Plant
Location – Arlington, Texas
Estimator – **Dave Hurst**
Project Manager – **T.J. Blake**
Field Superintendent – **Brian Hurst**

CORPORATE ONE AWARD

Recognized for Minority Commitment

Aristeo recently received the 2011 Corporate ONE Award from the Michigan Minority Supplier Development Council (MMSDC). This prestigious honor recognizes Aristeo for supporting and engaging the MMSDC and its mission by meeting the following criteria: fully participating as a corporate member of a Project ONE module, reporting minority spending to the MMSDC, having an established Supplier Diversity Program, and Sponsoring an exhibit at the MMPC Trade Fair.

Aristeo has been an active member of the MMSDC since 1988. We are proud of the successes achieved by the companies we have mentored throughout the past 23 years and remain committed to mentoring and supporting our local minority business community.

ARISTEO SAFETY

We would like to recognize our staff at the Timber Road Wind Farm for completing the project without having a single OSHA recordable injury. The project consisted of installing 55 wind turbines including access roads, substation and electrical collection systems. In total, the project tallied 223,428 work hours with only one first aid incident. To further highlight the achievement, a large portion of the work was completed in the winter and early spring months where cold temperatures, high winds, icy conditions and a very wet spring posed challenges.

The staff attributes their success to the following:

- A detailed site specific safety orientation, outlining the policies and procedures to be utilized.
- Thorough hazard identification and mitigation by using preplanning tools such as daily pre-task plans for each crew.
- A safety rewards program that encourages positive safety behaviors and reinforces safety accountability and leadership.

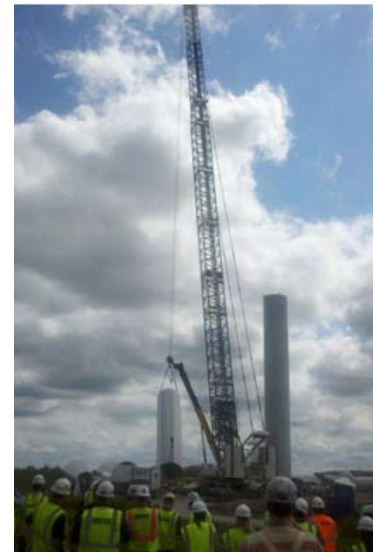
A safe workplace does not just happen; it is the result of planning, training and the proper attitude of all employees. The success of this program lies in the hands of each employee and subcontractor. From the start of work to the project completion, safety must be an integral part of every day.

TRADE'S CORNER

As our company grows it becomes more challenging to maintain a high level of communication throughout the company that enables us to continually improve. The improvements to our construction process that take place on one project can't be realized on another until that information is communicated in an organized way to others who will face the same situation. The total process of construction includes more than putting work in place in the field. It also includes marketing, estimating,



planning, accounting, and payroll. Having the general knowledge of how projects are put together in the field is important for all involved in the entire construction process and will make Aristeo even better. Communication of those improvements and processes is what the trades corner is all about.



On September 9th, Aristeo's Livonia staff joined the Gratiot County Wind Farm trades men and women for a pig roast luncheon and tour of the 88 square mile project site. It was a great opportunity and learning experience for the Livonia staff. Ongoing activities included reinforcing steel installation, foundation concrete placement, foundation backfill, and turbine erection taking place at the various wind turbine sites.

PEOPLE PROFILES

- Our new Proposal Coordinator **Tracy Hilborn**, joined Aristeo in September with 14 years of combined marketing, proposal management and construction experience. A graduate of Wayne State University with a Masters of Business Administration, Tracy recently moved back to Michigan from Los Angeles, California. She is looking forward to cooler weather, some camping and watching the Lions win.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Another Successful Blood Drive

Aristeo was pleased to host its 5th blood drive on Friday, September 23rd. The American Red Cross of Southeastern Michigan was pleased to collect 50 pints to help an estimated 158 patients. We were able to exceed our predetermined goal of 31 pints with the help of 48 successful blood donors. A special thank you to all our participants, volunteers and wellness committee members who helped make this blood drive a success!



We will be hosting two blood drives during 2012, targeted for February and July. Whether you are a client, friend, employee or retiree of Aristeo, we invite you to join us. Please call **Donna Wyatt** at 734.367.1570 to sign up as a potential donor. Thank you!

Corporate Sponsorships

Charitable, non-profit organizations rely on support from businesses, government and concerned citizens. This is especially true in difficult economic times. While Aristeo encourages all employees to get involved within their communities, the Company was pleased to sponsor the following local events:

- Autism Society of America, Oakland County Chapter's Annual Golf Outing at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center on September 12th—the Autism Society works to improve the lives of individuals with autism, including parents and caregivers.
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) Walk to Cure Diabetes on Sunday, September 25th at the Hudson Mills Metro Park near Ann Arbor—the JDRF works to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research.

YEARS OF SERVICE

We are pleased to congratulate the following employees on their service milestones:

15 YEARS

Oct 21 **Jerry Dukes** Steel Division

10 YEARS

Nov 1 **Jamie Lafave** Field Superintendent

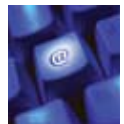
5 YEARS

Oct 30 **Angelo Buttigieg** Operations

Nov 1 **Chris Passeri** Estimating

Nov 20 **Robert Wilson** Field Operations

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