

## **DAKOTA INTERTEK CORP.**



In 1994, geological engineer Wenbin Yuan founded Dakota Intertek Corporation located in New Berlin, WI. Dakota is a professional service provider specializing in construction management, inspection, general construction, renovation, demolishing, earthwork, storm sewer, and soil and water treatment system contracting.

Dakota has become one of the largest environmental contractors in the Midwest disposing of hundreds of thousands of cubic yards of hazardous, special, and low-level

impacted soils since their inception. Their remedial work varies from small commercial facilities tank removal to approximately \$3 million dollars of soil disposal during the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District's (MMSD) Lincoln Creek project. Their volume and expertise in this area has allowed them to provide streamlined services at cost savings. They have stabilized hazardous materials for disposal at local landfills rather than out-of-state hazardous facilities. Dakota has been able to obtain landfill-exempt status for "low level" contamination for select materials at enormous cost savings for their clients.

Based on Dakota's successful completion of several design-build projects for V.A. Hospitals for their MRI and CT suites, Dakota was awarded two IDIQ design and engineering contracts for up to \$900,000 by the Milwaukee V.A. Dakota has extensive experience in large and small-scale demolition and vertical construction. They have completed large projects for the former Allis Chalmers, the former Tower Automotive, the former Allied Glove, the former AMPCO metals, Navy, Army, USDA, and VA sites around the country. Currently, they are on their way to deliver a \$4.3 million military housing project for Army.

Wenbin came from humble beginnings in China. He comes from Taiyuan, Shanxi (a province) located 300 miles southwest of Beijing. Twenty years ago, back when China was referred to as "Red China," Wenbin was one of the "educated settlers" forced by the government to work as a "re-education" farmer. When he got the opportunity, in 1987, Wenbin and his wife, Chi Zhang, came to America. After arriving in America, Wenbin attended Iowa State University as a Geological Engineering Major and the pursued his Masters in Water Resources and Geology. He also started PhD coursework for the Marquette Engineering Department.

Dakota received SBA 8(a) certification in 1999 and over the years, the SBA's 8(a) division personnel have been instrumental in helping them to grow and prosper. Dakota has established itself as a strong U.S. HUD Special Property Inspection (SPI) service provider and, since 1999, have performed HUD SPI inspections for the Denver and Fresno HUD branches covering the states of Iowa, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Dakota has obtained recent federal IDIQ EMAC contracts with the US Navy-Great Lakes Naval Training Station; USDA Forest Service; US Veterans Administration and USACE Ft. McCoy, WI. Dakota's principle clients include federal government agencies, regional and municipal entities as well as industrial and private clients.

Wenbin has written an article, "From Concept to Reality: Comparison of China and US's Environmental Protection History and Current Status" that has been published in the book series, Frontiers of Science and Technology by Qinghua University Press. Wenbin is also a board member of NAMC and planned the Charter School of Milwaukee. He is a board member for Project Access that provides social services for the mentally disabled in Milwaukee; president of the Milwaukee Chinese Historical Society and one of the founders of the Mercan Chinese Language Institute of Milwaukee.

The name Dakota Intertek means: Dakota is a plural noun meaning "the allies" and Intertek means "interdisciplinary technologies: or "international technologies." Dakota has sustained a healthy thirty percent annual growth throughout the past thirteen years. They have successfully completed over 2,000 projects with a total worth of over \$40 million dollars. The year 2006 ended with Dakota being recognized as one of the "Top Small Businesses in Wisconsin" by Diversity Business.com. Dakota's success partially comes from their capability to build "the allies" for sizable federal set aside projects.

Dakota's quality services and competitive prices have helped them to retain their clients and build their reputation, which is their greatest achievement. They take great pride in building trust between clients and themselves through long-term effort. They have built the concept of "trust" into the core of their mission statement "Built on Trust by People Who Care." Wenbin has his "4D Projects," that are "Different, Difficult, and Deadline Driven" that allows Dakota to take on all challenges large and small! SBA is proud to be of continued assistance to Wenbin in helping his business grow and prosper.