USSD NEWS

Meet USSD’s Volunteer Social Media Team

Are you following USSD on LinkedIn and Twitter? We’re working on getting the USSD Facebook page back up and running--stay tuned.

Join us on our social media sites and keep up-to-date on the latest news and job postings. Our volunteer team has been responsible for growing the number of followers from a mere 40 to more than 1,400 in just a few years! Meet the dynamic volunteers behind those posts!

Learn More...

Benefits of USSD Membership--Did You Know?

Membership in USSD comes with a myriad of benefits only available to members.

> Quarterly USSD Dams & Levees Bulletin
> Discounts on advertising, conferences, exhibit booths, workshops, webinars, and publications
> Complimentary membership in ICOLD
> Ability to participate on technical committees
> Promote your company news in the monthly E-Newsletter
> Listing in member directory on website home page
> Free access to white papers and past conference proceedings

Organizational and Sustaining level members receive additional benefits including:

> Discounted or free conference exhibit booths
> Company listing with link on USSD website
> Free postings on USSD's job board plus added social media post

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USSD Website Includes Access to Request for Proposals

Post and access information on active RFPs. For more information or to post a RFP contact info@ussdams.org.

ICOLD UPDATES
ICOLD 2020 Call for Papers Deadline Extended

The Call of Papers deadline has been extended until Aug. 31 for the ICOLD 2020 Annual Meeting/Symposium in New Delhi, Nov. 28-Dec 3.

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INDUSTRY UPDATES

House of Representatives Pass H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act

The Moving Forward Act invests $1.5 trillion in the nation's infrastructure.

Learn More...

CISA Releases Cyber Essentials Toolkit

The Cyber Essentials Toolkit is a set of modules designed to break down the CISA Cyber Essentials into bite-sized actions for IT and C-suite leadership to work toward full implementation of each Cyber Essential. Each chapter focuses on recommended actions to build cyber readiness into the six interrelated aspects of an organizational culture of cyber readiness.

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Worthington Products, Inc. 18 Years, 62 Countries, One Company

It's not about our experience.
It's how we use that experience to improve yours.

We started Worthington Products in 2001 because we loved dams and hydroelectric power plants. We've since grown to become the world's most trusted, and recognized, name for providing quality waterway barriers for Debris Control, Public Safety Around Dams, Boat Barriers, Ice-Booms, Fish Guidance Systems, Counter-Terrorism & Security.

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MEMBERSHIP

Schnabel Engineering opened an office in the northern suburbs of Austin, TX; second in the Lone Star State. The Austin office is led by Jeremy Young, PE, and is a vital component of Schnabel's strategic plan to expand dam engineering services. Young will be supported by a team of technical professionals providing dam and levee, geotechnical, tunneling, and geo-structural engineering design services.

GEI Consultants, Inc., one of the nation's leading technical consulting services firms is pleased to announce Daniel L. Wade, P.E., G.E., F. ASCE has joined GEI's Oakland, CA office as a Vice President/Water Resources Practice Leader.

Have eyes in the water without having to get in.

Imagine if you could inspect dam infrastructure without getting wet, save thousands, and avoid time wasted on safety and approvals. Let CamDo's underwater wifi camera be your underwater eyes with crystal-clear quality and reliable live streaming at your fingertips.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Don't Forget to Register for the Communication Fundamentals Webinar--Seats are Limited

As part of the USSD Leadership Series, we are excited to offer a series of communication webinars designed for engineers.

Learn More...
Fall Technical Webinar Schedule Coming

The Fall Workshop Series Subcommittee, under the leadership of Paul Eggers (GEI), is finalizing the line-up of virtual workshops. Schedules will be released shortly.

2021 Conference Planning Moving Forward

Call for Papers and Workshops has closed and the Technical Program Planning Committee currently is reviewing abstracts. Under the leadership of Conrad Ginther (Black & Veatch), the committee will meet virtually at the end of August to begin compiling the technical program.

Registration will open Oct. 1.

Limited Number of Exhibit Booths Available for 2021 Conference & Exhibition

Will we see you in Charleston, April 12-16? After an eventful year full of twists and turns, we're looking forward to an energy-packed exhibit hall in the recently renovated North Charleston Convention Center.

Remaining booths are now available for general purchase, but don't wait long. With only a handful left, the exhibit space is sure to sell out quickly.

Great location! Great floor plan!
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Presentations
Learn how to build an audience-centric message that the speaker personally relates to. The secret sauce to engaging presentations is connecting the dots between the topic, the speaker and the audience. We go through a template to help them craft a winning presentation that centers around a compelling point of view.
Learn More...

Advanced Communication for Engineers - #1 Executive Presence for Online Meetings
In the new normal of virtual meetings, your leadership presence does not automatically transfer to online meetings. Learn important techniques for this new way of collaborating; how to hold difficult conversations, and the importance of building your tribe.
Learn More...

Advanced Communication for Engineers - #2 Prepare for Difficult Conversations
Winging a high-stakes conversation is actually dangerous. Preparing for a challenging conversation is the most important aspect of that conversation. Preparing the right way makes the whole conversation less stressful for everyone involved and increases the likelihood of favorable outcomes.
Learn More...

Advanced Communication for Engineers - #3 Build Your Tribe
Your tribe is made up of the people who support you throughout your entire career. This content is specific to distributed/remote professionals. Make sure you have a diversified tribe of lamp bearers, possibilitarians, cheerleaders, challengers and connectors. How to make memorable connections, especially for introverts and ambiverts.
Learn More...

Specialty Communication for Engineers - #1 Crisis Communication
It all happens so fast. Your communication can change your company’s fate with any unanticipated event that possibly disrupts daily operations. There is so much potential harm to the brand’s reputation. Common crises include security
breaches, product defects, negative press, or even a lawsuit. Learn how to prepare your communication response to any crisis.

Learn More...

**Specialty Communication for Engineers - #2 Culture-building Conversations**

What internal conversations say about your company's culture. Dr. Camacho defines a healthy culture as one where everyone feels heard, understood, and valued. She shares seven communication tools and three communication hats to help leaders improve communication in their spheres of influence.

Learn More...

**Specialty Communication for Engineers - #3 The Business Skill of Likability**

Learn what makes people likable grow your business through elevated touch points. The skill of likability requires a level of self-confidence that allows you to focus on the other person. Research links likability to higher salaries and more frequent promotions. Become a more persuasive communicator through the skill of likability and learn how to coach your team to follow suit.

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**USSD Fall Workshop Series**

The Fall Workshop Series originally scheduled for Oct. 13-15 in Denver will be converted to a webinar series beginning in October. Watch your inbox for the new schedule and details or log into ussdams.org.

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**88th Annual ICOLD Conference & Symposium on Sustainable Development of Dams and River Basins**

RESCHEDULED Nov. 28-Dec. 3, 2020 in New Dehli, India.

Learn More...

**40th Annual USSD Conference and Exhibition in Charleston, SC**

After the unfortunate cancellation of the 2020 conference in Denver due to COVID-19, we look forward to seeing everyone in Charleston, SC--April 12-16, 2021.