NEEL-SCHAEFFER WELCOMES NEW ENGINEER

Neel-Schaffer, Inc., is proud to announce the addition of Chris Trebisky, PE, PLS, PP to their team of professionals.

Trebisky brings with him over 13 years of experience in recreational design, roadway reconstruction, water/wastewater supply and treatment and land surveying.

Prior to joining Neel-Schaffer, Trebisky spent 13 years in municipal engineering as a consultant for a variety of local, state and federal agencies. He also served as city engineer for several municipalities in New Jersey, as well as representing various planning and zoning boards as an engineer and planner.

Joining Neel-Schaffer was an easy decision for Trebisky: "Neel Schaffer showed a very genuine desire in bringing me on board, and it definitely made my decision in choosing Neel-Schaffer a lot easier. Neel-Schaffer is a great company, and I have really enjoyed my short time here so far."

Trebisky is optimistic about his future with the company: "I look forward to flourishing into an integral part of the company and developing a presence in the Mississippi community. I love the engineering design process, and I really enjoy the idea of being associated with the project we have done and thinking, 'That's a Neel-Schaffer design and it's great.'"

Mark Beyea, engineer manager in the Madison office, is enthusiastic about hiring Trebisky and eager to use his expertise on projects: "I am excited that Chris Trebisky has joined our team because I believe that his experience and expertise in planning and designing urban projects and recreational facilities will allow Neel-Schaffer to provide a wider variety of quality projects, with more options, to our municipal clients."

Trebisky holds a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental engineering and surveying engineering technology. He is also a registered licensed engineer, land surveyor and professional planner.

LOCAL ENTERGY ENGINEER WINS MAJOR AWARD

Leonard Martin, of Madison, a contracts specialist for Entergy Mississippi was awarded an Engineering Excellence Award by the Platts Global Energy Awards organization. The project, on blending low-level radioactive waste prior to disposal, received the attention of Platts because it could become a model for future radioactive waste disposal.

Leonard and his wife, Linda, were invited to a black tie affair on Wall Street, in New York City, to celebrate the nominations. The awards by Platts Global are widely considered to be the "Oscars" of the energy industry.

MISSISSIPPI KIDS COUNT FIRST ANNUAL LIGHT UP THE NIGHT CELEBRATION

Mississippi KIDS COUNT will play host to Light Up The Night benefit dinner and celebration on January 31st at 6:30 p.m. at the award-winning Mississippi Children's Museum. This special event will recognize the Honorable William Winter as the first Luminary Award recipient for his commitment to improving the well-being of all children across Mississippi. Guests will celebrate his legacy and also recognize the 2013 Mississippi KIDS COUNT Success Stories that include the Moore Community House, Jackson Medical Mall Foundation's Obesity Prevention Program and Starkville School District's Emerson Family Center.

The festive evening includes a cocktail reception, seated dinner and an opportunity to see first-hand why the Mississippi Children’s Museum has been selected as MS KIDS COUNT’s Program of Promise recipient for 2013. This intimate dinner is limited to 160 guests, individual tickets are $150 and a table of eight guests can be reserved for $1,000. Mississippi KIDS COUNT is also offering sponsorship opportunities for individuals and organizations that share a commitment to improving opportunities on the local and state level.

Financial contributions are tax deductible and allow Mississippi KIDS COUNT to continue our mission as the leading resource for comprehensive information on Mississippi's children and serving as a catalyst for improving outcomes for children, families and communities. To purchase tickets and tables as well as receive details about sponsorships, please contact Heather Carson at 662-325-0635 or heather.carson@srm.msstate.edu. To learn more about Mississippi KIDS COUNT visit our website: www.srm.msstate.edu/kidscount.