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A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF HCS GROUP, PC 2018, ISSUE 1

A Word from Leadership:

The HCS Group family and partners had a great holiday season and hope this Newsletter finds you having done the same. Welcome to 2018!

We begin our 2018 program with travel and various projects in progress in the following locations: Tanzania, DR Congo, Lebanon, Japan, Puerto Rico and throughout Latin America as usual.

We appreciate our dedicated team that travels and their families that support this effort to make it happen.

Our SDVOSB Partners (Patriot Design LLC) are working at the following VA Facilities presently: West Palm Beach, Florida; Dallas, Texas; Shreveport, Louisiana; Sonora, California; Charleston, South Carolina.

Thanks for your support and have a great 2018 year!

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FEATURE PROJECT

Power Africa – Study/Design for Micro-Grids
DR Congo (North & South Kivu)

Continuing forward in USAID's Power Africa Program, HCS Group began their trip in Kinshasa in mid-February 2018. The main focus of work was in the providences of North and South Kivu in the following cities and villages: Bukavu, Muresha, Miti Town, Birava, Goma, Minova, Walikale, Ndjingala and Mubi. HCS's work effort is in the Power Sector where the goal of Power Africa is to enable electricity access by adding 60 million new electricity connections and 30,000 megawatts of new and cleaner power generation.

A slow task oriented around creating microgrids, with interjection of renewable power energy resources into the network to be connected to a national grid in the future. It assists village agriculture and fishing industries to increase their communication, efficiency and export capabilities.

Ruzizi No. 1 Dam (Top photo) in South Kivu provides the only utility power for North and South Kivu. Those not connected to the grid require localized micro-grids for power availability.



HCS Group's Mission and Goal:

Leadership – “Our Team's Greatest Asset”

Integrity – “Our Teams Greatest Responsibility”

Service - “Our Team's Greatest Privilege”

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Around the office...

Employee Spotlight: Jacob Willis, PE

Jacob is the Vice President in charge of Engineering. He's a graduate of Auburn with strong ties to his family. He was born in Wetumpka, Alabama. As a child, Jacob wanted to be an astronaut. Now, he's an electrical engineer.

When asked what his favorite projects have been, Jacob named Cayos Miskitos and Elmendorf. Cayos Miskitos was a hybrid solar/wind power system on an Energy Platform off the coast of Nicaragua. Elmendorf Air Force Hospital is located in Alaska and Jacob was on the team that went to the base and conducted a comprehensive electrical infrastructure system assessment, power system analysis, coordination studies and arc-flash analysis.

Jacob loves vacationing in Colorado to ski. He also enjoys Auburn football and being around the water, be it the lake or the beach. Jacob is also an aspiring chef. He loves trying new recipes and entertaining his friends with his dishes.

If Jacob could go back in time to a different era, he would choose the Roaring Twenties and if he could pick someone from the past to dine with, it would be Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Jacob's guilty pleasure is chocolate cake. His favorite restaurant in the area is El Rey Burrito Lounge. When asked what he would do if he won the lottery, Jacob said he'd buy an island in the Caribbean.



News



HCS Group was a proud sponsor of the Montgomery Half Marathon & 5K races held on March 10.

Runners started at Riverfront Park, overlooking the Alabama River. The race led them past some of Montgomery's historic sites. They passed the State Capitol on their home stretch. As they passed the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, there was less than a mile to go. The finish line was inside Riverwalk Stadium, home of the Montgomery Biscuits.

HCS always supports a strong finish!

