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THE ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

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AGENDA

- Monday, October 22 @ 8:45AM
 - E&C Industry Overview
 - Assignment: Profile a Company
- Wednesday, October 24 @ 8:45AM
 - Strategic Management Issues
- Wednesday, October 31 @ 8:30AM
 - Student Presentations
 - Summary

SKILLS OF AN EFFECTIVE ENGINEER

- Skills
 - Technical
 - Human
 - Conceptual
- Levels
 - Industry
 - Company
 - Project
 - Task/Assignment

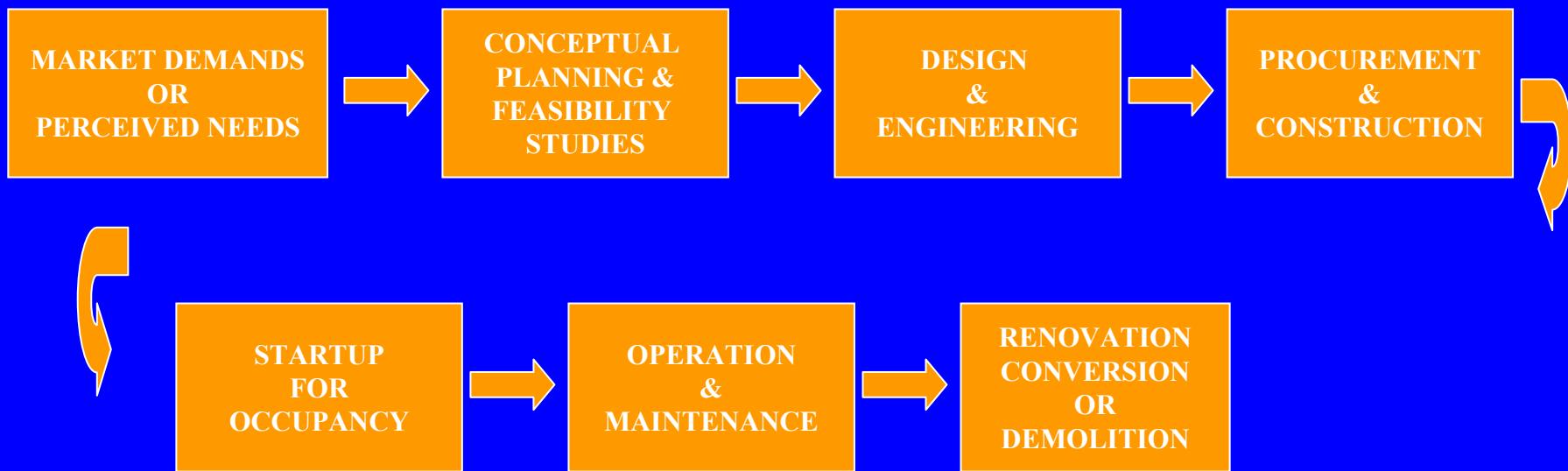
ROLE OF THE E&C INDUSTRY

Through planning, design, construction, operation, and maintenance activities, the E&C industry transforms resources of labor, capital (money, materials, & equipment), and knowledge into the physical facilities required to meet a broad range of social and economic needs.

PRODUCTS OF THE E&C INDUSTRY

- Buildings
- Industrial Plants
- Infrastructure Systems
- Environmental Restoration & Remediation Projects

FACILITY PROJECT LIFE CYCLE*



* Adapted from: "Project Management for Construction"; Chris Hendrickson & Tung Au
Prentice Hall; 1989

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Year 2000

• WORLD TOTAL	\$3.41 Trillion
– ASIA	\$1,113 Billion
– EUROPE	\$1,017 Billion
– NORTH AMERICA	\$ 885 Billion
– LATIN AMERICA	\$ 241 Billion
– MIDDLE EAST	\$ 101 Billion
– AFRICA	\$ 56 Billion

TOP COUNTRIES

• UNITED STATES(1)	\$819 B	8.2%
• JAPAN(2)	\$618 B	13.9%
• GERMANY(3)	\$253 B	11.4%
• CHINA(4)	\$181 B	17.0%
• UNITED KINGDOM(5)	\$109 B	7.7%
• BRAZIL(6)	\$109 B	13.8%
• FRANCE(7)	\$107 B	7.0%

TOP COUNTRIES (Cont'd)

• ITALY(8)	\$96 B	8.1%
• SPAIN(9)	\$86 B	14.8%
• KOREA,Rep(10)	\$68 B	15.4%
• CANADA(11)	\$65 B	10.2%
• INDIA(12)	\$60 B	12.3%
• MEXICO(13)	\$45 B	9.0%
• RUSSIAN FED(14)	\$43 B	10.8%

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION

2000-2006

- 2006 \$1,167,261 million
- 2005 1,194,492
- 2004 1,075,307
- 2003 972,958
- 2002 895,422
- 2001 873,279
- 2000 840,333

BLS INDUSTRY SUPERSECTORS

- Construction
- Education & Health Services
- Financial Activities
- Government
- Information
- Leisure & Hospitality

BLS INDUSTRY SUPERSECTORS (Cont'd)

- Manufacturing
- Natural Resources & Mining
- Other Services
- Professional & Business Services
- Transportation & Utilities
- Wholesale & Retail Trade

ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE USA IN 2006

- US GNP \$13,615 Billion
- Construction \$1,167 Billion
- GFCF: 45-50%
- Employment: 7.3 million (5.4% of workforce)
- Backward & Forward Linkages
- Establishments: 9.8%
- Entrepreneurial Opportunities

NATURE OF USA DEMAND

2005

- TOTAL \$1,194,492 Million
- PRIVATE \$940,237 (79%)
 - Residential Building \$665,615 (56%)
 - Nonresidential 274,622 (23%)
- PUBLIC \$254,255 (21%)
 - Residential Building 8,481 (1%)
 - Nonresidential 245,774 (20%)

PRIVATE NONRESIDENTIAL KEY SECTORS (Billion)

- Building \$177,514
- Manufacturing 34,863
- Power 32,188
- Communications 12,465
- Transportation 8,243
- Amusement & Recreation 8,003

PUBLIC NONRESIDENTIAL KEY SECTORS (Billion)

• Building	\$ 93,329
• Highway& Street	67,739
• Transportation	19,970
• Sewage & Waste Disposal	18,557
• Amusement & Recreation	11,695
• Water Supply	11,244
• Public Safety	9,951
• Power	7,396
• Conservation & Development	5,286

PARTICIPANTS

- Clients/Owners
- Designers (Architects, Engineers)
- Contractors & Subcontractors
- Labor Organizations
- Suppliers (Materials, Equipment)
- Finance, Legal, Insurance, etc. Firms
- Regulators

ENR TOP XYZ LISTS

- 500 Design Firms (April)
- 400 Contractors (May)
- 100 Design-Build, CM for Fee, CM at Risk (June)
- 200 International Design Firms (July)
- 200 Environmental Firms (July)
- 225 International/Global Contractors (Aug)
- 600 Specialty Contractors (October)
- Top Owners (November)

TOP 500 DESIGN FIRMS

2006

- Billings: \$69.6 Billion
 - Domestic: \$ 54.7 Billion
 - Internat'l: \$ 11.9 Billion
- Profitability:
 - Domestic: 11%, 455 Profit, 9 Loss
 - Internat'l: 11%, 135 Profit, 23 Loss
- Professional Staff:
 - 466 Increase, 145 Same, 35 Decrease

MARKET STRUCTURE

- Building \$ 16.46 Billion 23.7%
- Transportation \$ 13.39 “ 19.2%
- Petroleum \$ 10.82 “ 15.5%
- Hazardous Waste \$ 7.32 “ 10.5%
- Power \$ 4.95 “ 7.1%

MARKET STRUCTURE

- Sewer/Wastewater \$ 4.91 Billion 7.1%
- Water \$ 4.19 “ 6.0%
- Industrial \$ 3.47 “ 5.0%
- Manufacturing \$ 1.40 “ 2.0%
- Telecom \$.79 “ 1.1%
- Other \$ 1.90 “ 2.7%

TYPES OF FIRMS

- E = Engineer 183
- EA = Engineer-Architect 101
- EC = Engineer-Contractor 55
- AE = Architect-Engineer 72
- A = Architect 51
- ENV = Environmental 11
- GE = Soils or Geotech Eng 12
- P = Planner 0

TYPES OF FIRMS

- AP 3
- AEC 3
- AEP 6
- CEP 1
- EAP 1
- ECA 1

FIRM INFORMATION

- Rank (2005 & 2006)
- Headquarters Location
- Type of Firm
- Billings (Total:\$2.9 B-\$16 M, & Int'l)
- Market Distribution of Billings
- Top Designers in Market Sectors
- Subsidiaries
- International Operations

TOP 400 CONTRACTORS

- Revenues: \$ 194 Billion
 - Domestic: \$ 167 Billion
 - Internat'l: \$ 27 Billion
- Profitability:
 - Domestic: 2.3%, 325 Profit, 32 Loss
 - Internat'l: 2.7% 50 Profit, 17 Loss
- Professional Staff:
 - 147 Increase, 159 Same, 60 Decrease

MARKET STRUCTURE

• Building	\$ 98.7 Billion	51.0%
• Transportation	\$ 29.4 “	15.2%
• Petroleum	\$ 14.5 “	7.5%
• Power	\$ 12.3 “	6.4%
• Industrial	\$ 11.2 “	5.8%
• Manufacturing	\$ 5.0 “	2.6%

MARKET STRUCTURE

- Hazardous Waste \$ 6.1 Billion 3.2%
- Sewer/Wastewater \$ 3.6 “ 1.8%
- Water \$ 2.9 “ 1.5%
- Telecom \$ 2.4 “ 1.2%
- Other \$ 7.3 “ 3.8%

COMPANY INFORMATION

- Rank (2005 & 2006)
- Headquarters Location
- Total Revenues(\$9.7 Billion-\$98 Million)
- International Revenues
- New Contract Awards
- Market Distribution (% of Revenues)
- Construction Management Revenues

COMPANY INFO (Cont'd)

- Subsidiaries
- Locations of Overseas Operations
- Top 20 in Major Market Sectors
- Narrative & Strategic Issues
 - General Building
 - Heavy Construction
 - International Market

VIEW FROM October 2000

- General economic environment
 - Industry 10 years without recession
 - Economic predictions universally optimistic
 - Continued growth in 2001 but at slower pace
 - Annual growth rate down from 10% to 3%
 - Tighter labor & materials markets
 - Increasing pressure on inflation
 - Large increases in Federal construction

VIEW FROM October 2000(Cont'd)

- Strong office building construction
- Continued strong demand from bio-tech,
dot-coms, semiconductor manufacturers
- Need for innovation to meet demand
 - design-build
 - innovative financing
 - streamlining regulations
 - Application of IT to project delivery method

VIEW FROM October 2000

(Cont'd)

- **Nature of Projects**
 - **High-profile high-rise**
 - **Signature-architect buildings**
 - **telecom hotels and towers**
 - **Innovative water resources facilities**
 - **ground water replenishment systems**
 - **microfiltration**
 - **reverse osmosis**
 - **ultraviolet disinfection**

VIEW FROM October 2000

(Cont'd)

- **Information-rich project tools**
 - **Information Age to the Knowledge Age**
 - **Turning data into knowledge**
 - **Knowledge based on experience**
 - **Realistic assessment of past performance & capabilities of individuals on a team**
 - **Assessment of organizational structure that is formed to accomplish a complex task**
 - **Mining searchable data**

VIEW FROM OCTOBER 2007

- General Economic Environment
 - Few signs of market slowing any time soon
 - Sound Bites
 - Things look good for high-end contractors for next ten years
 - But, can we handle the boom with current resources?

VIEW FROM OCTOBER 2007

- Overall Industry Trends
 - Continuing mergers & acquisitions
 - For additional capacity
 - Geographic
 - Market specialties (healthcare, security, research facilities)
 - Value Adding Services
 - Regional to National Capabilities

VIEW FROM OCTOBER 2007

- Construction Industry Trends
 - Insurance/Bonding Requirements
 - Increased emphasis on management
 - Active management of costs & risk
 - Increasing self-performance vs use of subs
 - Information Technology less of a novelty and selling point, more of a requirement
 - Increasing Emphasis on safety

VIEW FROM OCTOBER 2007

- Design Industry Trends
 - Accelerating Mergers/Acquisitions
 - Technical Expertise
 - Geographical Coverage
 - New Services
 - International Assets/Local Presence
 - Increasing Public Ownership
 - Emphasis on Growth & Shareholder Demands

VIEW FROM OCTOBER 2007

- Design Industry Trends (cont'd)
 - Staffing Issues
 - Shortage of Professionals
 - Increasing Competition for Students
 - Company Involvement in Teaching & Research
 - Recruiting Through Internships
 - Increasing Client Expectation of Perfection in Design

VIEW FROM OCTOBER 2007

- Design Industry Trends (cont'd)
 - Building Information Modeling (BIM)
 - Streamlining Design Process
 - Engineering Driven/Informed Design
 - Consideration of Constructability Issues During Design
 - Changing Relationships Among Contractors, Subs, Design Professionals, Suppliers
 - Increasing Upfront Effort & Cost

VIEW FROM OCTOBER 2007

- Design Industry Trends (cont'd)
 - Green Building/Sustainability
 - Increasing Public Awareness
 - Increasing Corporate Interest & Action
 - LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design)
 - Durability of Materials
 - Energy Savings
 - Carbon Footprint Minimization