

CNTS staff to chair national Geospatial Working Group

TULSA, Okla. – Cherokee Nation Technology Solutions employees Garry Zettersten and David Foster were recently selected to serve as chairpersons of a newly established Society of American Military Engineers-sponsored Geospatial Working Group.

“It’s an honor for our employees to be selected to serve,” said John Hansen, CNTS operations general manager. “Our staff’s experience and expertise will be tremendously useful in helping bolster cross-functional geospatial engineering capabilities within the Department of Defense.”

The newly formed group will lend its support to military engineering leaders and help advance the industry by facilitating collaborative efforts and leveraging processes, capabilities and visualization techniques to help in decision-making operations.

“Our goal is to increase dialogue and awareness across the Department of Defense engineering community, throughout its supported missions and with private industry partners,” said Garry Zettersten, CNTS project manager. “Simply identifying and connecting points of contact within DOD services will increase efficiency. A cohesive understanding of geospatial capabilities and work performed throughout DOD will benefit the entire industry.”

The governance group is also tasked with developing an engagement strategy and an in-depth education track for the 2018 Joint Engineer Training Conference to include support of technical and leadership training along with associated tabletop exercises.

“In the future, it is very possible that the Geospatial Working Group will become its own committee because of the value geospatial engineering provides the DOD mission. This is just the beginning,” said Stuart Harrison, Facility Asset Management Committee chairman.

The Geospatial Working Group was established under SAME’s Facility Asset Management Committee during the 2017 JETC in Columbus, Ohio.

Cherokee Nation Technology Solutions, formed in 2008, provides technical support services and project support personnel to its defense and civilian agency partners. The company provides a tailored management approach for complex government programs and disciplines, including information technology, science, engineering, construction, research and development, facilities management, program management, and mission support.

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