



RSPA RESULTS...

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RSPA is Going for Green – Core Computer Skills Training for Everyone

On July 31, RSPA launched an innovative computer training initiative that is extremely low cost and expected to produce high results. RSPA's initiative is designed to meet the standards of success in the President's Management Agenda scorecard for E-Government and Human Capital initiatives.

Regardless of skill level, job

requirement or organizational rank, the mission of the training initiative is to retain a diverse, highly skilled, productive and satisfied workforce.

"I am committed to investing in all RSPA employees by providing them with the core computer skills needed to do business and communicate with citizens, stakeholders and government agencies," said Administrator Ellen Engleman.

By December 31, 2003, every RSPA employee is required to achieve a competency rating of 85 percent or better in each of

seven required courses: Computer Security Awareness; MS Windows Fundamentals; MS Outlook; MS Word; MS PowerPoint; Word Perfect; Internet/World Wide Web Skills.



Team RSPA watches as Administrator Engleman is the first to try her hand at the online computer skills self-evaluation test.

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RSPA is Going for Green — Human Capital Development



Developing the next generation of transportation leaders is a key goal to meet on Human Capital. RSPA's successful 2002 Summer Internship Program was an investment with big dividends.

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RSPA Interns Closing Ceremony with Office of Civil Rights supervisors. Back Row L to R: Anne Futrell, Lisa Alexander, Timothy Fu, Ariel Ashwell, Monica Severson, Helen Hagin, Nellis Kennedy, Erica Stallworth. Seated L to R: Scott Holland, Nicholas Walker



RSPA and TSA
Partnering for
Success

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The Administrator's Office

From the Desk of the Administrator...



Administrator Ellen G. Engleman

In May, I had the privilege of representing Secretary Mineta at the 86th session of the European Conference of Ministers of Transportation in Bucharest, Romania.

During our discussions, the small American flag that marked my place at the table as U.S. chief of

mission was a constant reminder of the honor and privilege it is to serve our Nation.

As RSPA continues in its efforts to support our President in making our federal government more results-oriented and citizen-centered, let us be mindful of the

privilege we have to serve. TEAM RSPA is my pride and joy. Each of you is critical to our success.

I am proud of RSPA's results, and thank you for your continued commitment to the Department, to the Secretary, to the President and to our Nation.

Administrator Addresses Global Disaster Information Network Conference

In a keynote speech at the Global Disaster Information Network Conference in Rome, Italy, Administrator Engleman summarized lessons-learned from the response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Administrator Engleman, deputy chief of mission for the U.S. Delegation, described the response of the DOT Crisis Management Center during the aftermath of 9/11 and identified the need for coordinated communication among all agencies.

The Global Disaster Information Network (GDIN) brings together nations, organizations and professionals with an interest in sharing disaster information. GDIN aims to provide emergency responders anywhere in the world with the right information, in the right format, to the right people, in time to make the right decisions.

Protecting Against Future Natural Disaster Damage



RSPA's **Janet Benini**, Deputy Director of OET, joined GDIN members to visit the Italian hill town of Assisi. While there, Benini toured the area just under the roof of the famous medieval Basilica of St. Francis. The Basilica was heavily damaged by a 1997 earthquake. She observed sophisticated bracing and earthquake shock-absorbing systems designed to mitigate against future damage from natural disasters.



RSPA in ACTION

Many serving at RSPA also serve in Uniform

Do you know that RSPA has about 20 military reservists within its ranks who provide an important asset to our active duty military forces?

During times of national crisis, the President is authorized by Congress to mobilize reserve forces, meaning that any reservist may be recalled to active duty on a moment's notice.

In May, **Commander Joe Delcambre** served on active duty training in support of the annual New York City Fleet Week. He served as ship liaison officer to the destroyer squadron commander aboard the USS HAYLER (DD-997) at pier 88 on the Hudson River.

Besides coordinating logistics for the ship and staff, he assisted with several special events, including manning the rail at the World Trade Center "Ground Zero."

Remember to acknowledge the commitment our RSPA military reservists provide in keeping our country free.



RSPA's Cdr Joe Delcambre, USNR, and other reservists, "manned the rail" May 29 at the World Trade Center "Ground Zero" as the final steel I-beam was cut, marking the end of eight and one half months of recovery efforts. The Navy supported many such events during New York Fleet Week.. (US Navy Photo)

In 1994, Congress passed the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act. The Act seeks to ensure that members of uniformed services are entitled to return to their civilian employment upon completion of service.

For more details of the rights and responsibilities for military members and employers, visit the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve at www.esgr.org, or contact RSPA HR Director, Paul Robinson at 202-366-5608.

RSPA's Citizen Soldiers/Airmen/Seamen/Guardsmen

Air National Guard

Rick Cacini (DTI-80)
Deirdre Carrigan (DTS-35)
James Duncan (DTI-10)
Linda Nichols (DTI-20)

Coast Guard Reserve

Mark Ranzy (DHM Central Region)
Richard Ryerse (DTS-82)
Pablo Vivas (OPS)

Marine Reserve

Michael Schwarzkopf (OPS)

Army National Guard

Robert F. Hoaglund (DTS-78)

Naval Reserve

Mario Caputo (DTS-35)
Kevin Clark (DTS-53)
Gordon "Joe" Delcambre (DPP)
Ellen G. Engleman (Administrator)
Seamus McGovern (DTS-54)
Anthony Murray (DHM-53)

Army Reserve

Vincent Mercondante (DHM-42)
Joseph Monaghan (DTS-36)
Steven Wujciak (DTS-63)

Air Force Reserve

Stephen Creaghan (DTS-58)
Wade Nguyen (OPS)

RSPA and TSA Partnering for Success

Helping the **Transportation Security Administration (TSA)** to stand up has been a team effort at DOT, and no less at RSPA.

"We've provided support to TSA since the beginning," said Administrator **Ellen Engleman**.

One of the most complex tasks facing TSA was the

training of tens of thousands of new airport security screeners.

RSPA's Transportation Safety Institute stepped forward early to provide training for the initial 1200 supervisory level trainers.

RSPA's **Volpe Center** was in on the ground floor. Volpe participated in the Credentialing Direct Action Group, the TSA

Technology Summit and organized a workshop dealing with the impact of explosives handling equipment on airport design. One of Volpe's most significant contributions was Operation Safe Commerce.

"All in RSPA can be proud of our work to help TSA protect Americans travel safely and securely," said Engleman.

Pipeline Safety

The Pipeline Record: Clean-up Continues At Fast Pace

In House testimony this year, **Administrator Engleman** committed to addressing all outstanding mandates on pipeline matters. As of last October, RSPA had 65 mandates from Congress, the GAO, the NTSB and the DOT IG.

NTSB Chairman **Marion Blakey** acknowledged the significance of RSPA's efforts. Since May the NTSB closed or is closing 10 of 40 pipeline recommendations, with 15 additional responses being prepared requesting closure by NTSB. RSPA's strategy would close all but five NTSB recommendations by January.

NTSB now rates more than 85% of RSPA responses as "acceptable"



Ellen Engleman with NTSB Chairman Marion Blakey (NTSB Photo)

Grant Awarded to CGA - RSPA awarded a \$500,000 grant for damage prevention and community assistance to the Common Ground Alliance as part of an agreement to work for public education on pipeline damage prevention.

In the Pipeline

IMP Meeting Draws 500 - OPS's **Jeff Wiese** chaired a public meeting in Houston on oversight and enforcement of OPS's new Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Integrity Management Program (IMP). OPS presented results of "quick hit" inspections, conducted to ensure early compliance with the first IMP deadlines, to the 500 attendees.

Pipe Spills, Enforcement Follows - Within hours of a break in a crude oil pipeline, spilling an estimated 250,000 gallons of crude oil in a bog near the headwaters of the Mississippi River in Minnesota, OPS issued a corrective action order to Enbridge Energy Partners to investigate the causal factors and prepare a repair plan. **Michelle Bouziane** of DCC wrote the order.

Final HCA Rule Released

A new final rule on gas pipelines is a milestone in the efforts of RSPA/OPS to raise the pipeline safety bar. The rule, published Aug. 8, defines high consequence areas (HCAs) for gas transmission lines, an essential step in a new regulatory approach to pipeline safety, integrity management.

Integrity management incorporates risk assessment and prioritization of natural gas transmission pipeline inspection, repair, prevention and mitigation to focus on pipelines that could effect HCAs. These areas are

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deserving of higher protection because the impact of a failure would do substantial harm, such as in areas with certain concentrations of buildings, where evacuation would be difficult (hospitals, prisons, etc).

The next step is the issuance of a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for integrity management for gas pipelines.

In January, OPS issued a final rule for integrity management of hazardous liquid pipelines. Within 90 days of the February 15 effective date of the rule, OPS had inspected all 66 operators of hazardous liquid pipelines of more than 500 miles, representing some 70,000 miles of pipe.

"From this effort, we learned that companies are taking significant steps to improve the integrity of their pipeline systems," said **Administrator Engleman**. "The standard for overall safe pipeline operations is truly raised."

Emergency Transportation

RSPA Responds to Typhoon Chataan

Typhoon Chataan struck the Federated States of Micronesia and Guam, July 2, killing 47 citizens, with scores missing. OET's Movement Coordination Center, activated by FEMA and Operation's Chief, **Brian Carney**, assembled an expert team to coordinate movement of critical supplies and personnel to the Pacific Islands.

Ed Henry, DOT's Regional Emergency Transportation Representative (RETREP) at the USCG facility in Alameda, CA, quickly activated and deployed his multi-modal emergency team to handle the complex logistical needs of numerous Federal agencies.

They coordinated the transport of



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hundreds of tons of critical supplies and emergency medical teams using military cargo and commercial aircraft.

It required intensive coordination among multiple federal and state agencies, working over enormous distances, to achieve success.

RSPA Supports DOD Emergency Teams

Under the President's Federal Response Plan, RSPA's OET manages the movement of personnel, equipment and resources to and from disaster areas.

In the regions, the Regional Emergency Transportation Coordinators assemble "one DOT" teams that deploy to the Disaster Field Offices.

During emergencies, DOD assigns Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officers (EPOs) to assist at DOT HQ, as well as in the region.

The EPOs are military reservists who are activated during disasters. DOT works closely with the EPOs when military transportation is required to move resources and personnel to a disaster site. OET provides training to new EPOs throughout the US and the Pacific territories on a quarterly basis. The classes are conducted at FEMA's Mt. Weather Emergency Assistance Center in Virginia.

RSPA's OET Works With NATO Civil Emergency Planning Committee

RSPA's OET emergency and aviation experts **Lloyd Milburn**, **Lou Berman**, and **Bruce Graham** attended the annual Plenary Session of the NATO Civil Aviation Planning Committee in Brussels, July 3-5.

The meeting focused on the use of civil aviation assets to support new and evolving NATO missions.

RSPA's experts helped to develop a chemical/biological

training scenario to be used for training NATO's civil emergency and

aviation experts. The Committee consists of 19 member and 27 partner nations.



L to R—Rainer Roepke (GE); Terry Russell (UK), Chairman CAWG; Lloyd Milburn (US); Lou Berman (US); Bruce Graham (US); Lt. Col. Bob Pecoraro (USAF); Denis Brunelle (CA); Pierre van Homwegem (BE); Storm van S'Gravesande (NL), Chairman CAPC; and E. Ioannidou (GR)

Hazardous Materials Safety

RSPA’s Hazmat Safety HM-220D & HM-226 Final Rulemakings Published

Stronger hazmat regulations, HM-220D and HM-226, hit the street in August. New RSPA final rules deal with DOT specification cylinders and revise requirements for infectious substances.

HM-220D prohibits commercial transportation of a filled cylinder after its service life has expired.

As well, DOT-specification cylinders using aluminum alloy 6351-T6 can no longer be manufactured, as they have a greater risk of failure than other aluminum cylinders.

The HM-220D rule addresses NTSB recommendations and

petitions for rulemaking. It will reduce operating costs by incorporating new technologies, increasing flexibility, and clarifying and simplifying

regulatory requirements.

HM-226 revises transportation requirements for infectious substances, including regulated medical

waste. It adopts defining criteria and packaging requirements for infectious substances that are consistent with international standards.

This final rule supports the DOT strategic goals to promote public health and safety, mobility and economic growth.

“Safety is our number one priority — for pipelines and for the movement of other hazardous materials.”

Administrator Ellen Engleman

Chief Counsel/HazMat Facilitate Public Meeting on Constructive Knowledge

In June, RSPA Assistant Chief Counsel, **Ed Bonekemper**, facilitated a well-attended public meeting on “constructive knowledge” under the Federal hazmat transportation law. The meeting was jointly sponsored by RSPA and DOT’s Office of Intermodalism (S-3).

For half a day, about 80 industry representatives presented views on what should constitute “knowing” violations for civil penalty purposes under the Federal hazmat transportation law. Their primary request was that DOT more specifically address carriers’ responsibilities with respect to identifying packages that may contain hazardous materials.

About 15 DOT personnel from RSPA, S-3, FAA, FMCSA, FRA and the USCG attended the session. Three follow-up meetings have been conducted with internal DOT administrations and the Justice Department to agree upon an approach to this issue. The Chief Counsel’s Office is drafting an interpretation, which will be published in the Federal Register at a later date.

RSPA Attends Hazmat Security Demonstration at U.S. Capitol



Frits Wybenga, Deputy Associate Administrator of RSPA’s Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, Administrator Ellen Engleman and an industry representative speak after a demonstration of a theft and security system to protect cargo trucks. RSPA is reviewing many new technologies and new technology applications to ensure safety.

UTC makes headlines with Cell Phone Study

Research partially funded through the University of Rhode Island Transportation Center made news in July suggesting that drivers using cell phones may have a reduced field of view-tunnel vision.

URI Professors Manbir Sodhi and Jerry Cohen used a head-mounted, eye-tracking device and concluded that the alertness of the drivers decreased considerably when they were conducting cognitive tasks, such as remembering a list of items, calculating in one's head, or using a cell phone.

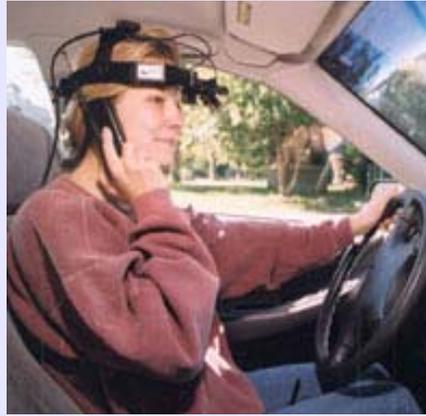


Photo by Univ. RI

"The debate surrounding cell phone use in cars has been directed toward concerns over holding the phone," said Sodhi. "Holding the phone isn't the main issue. Thinking is."

The URI Transportation Center is one of 33 centers receiving support from the US Department of Transportation through the University Transportation Centers Program.

RSPA Organizes Container Shipping and Security Workshop

RSPA organized a joint workshop on preventing terrorists from exploiting cargo container vulnerabilities through use of tags and seals for monitoring and managing container movements. The workshop, held at the National Academy of Sciences, brought together RSPA, the Department of Energy, the National Nuclear Security Agency and the DOT Office of Intermodalism.

It was part of the DOT/NASA joint program on remote sensing technology application. This advances DOT's strategic goal of national security and the President's newly announced National Strategy for Homeland Security by using innovative technology to increase our transportation security.

Administrator Meets with Key RSPA Stakeholders

In June, Administrator Engleman addressed the annual meeting of the Council of University Transportation Centers (CUTC), an association of over 60 of the Nation's leading university-based transportation research and education programs. She also met with the directors of DOT's 33 University Transportation Centers (UTCs) at the Mineta Transportation Institute in San Jose, California. Administrator Engleman delivered the meeting's keynote address, challenging these important DOT stakeholders to increase partnering with the private sector to increase research results and internship and career opportunities for their students.

UAV Application Demonstrated for Traffic Management

In August, the DOT/NASA program on remote sensing technology demonstrated an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) application for traffic data collection. The demonstration included traffic monitoring systems over freeways in Columbus, OH. This project was in cooperation

RSPA's Volpe Center

RSPA's Volpe Center Helps to *Keep the Mail Safe*

RSPA's Volpe Center is supporting the United States Postal Service in its effort to *Keep the Mail Safe* by training over 600,000 postal

employees, and informing the public about hazardous materials (HAZMAT) awareness for all mail shipped through the postal transportation

and distribution networks.

The anthrax incidents of October 2001 highlighted the need for awareness of what is in the mail and how to handle it for personal safety concerns.

Volpe Center training and its recommended improvements are helping the Postal Service ensure the safety of employees and customers, the security of the mail, and the confidence of the American public.



Volpe Contributes to GPS Discussions

Volpe presented a paper on the results of its assessment of the vulnerabilities to users of the Global Positioning System (GPS) at a Royal Institute of Navigation meeting.

There are discussions in the navigation community about the potential for the planned Galileo satellite navigation system to mitigate GPS vulnerabilities. Volpe staff emphasized that the addition of Galileo can offset the impact of some forms of radio interference.

RSPA's Volpe Center Supporting Biological Defense Initiative

RSPA's Volpe Center has been asked to develop the transportation component of a Biological Defense Initiative (BDI) supporting the Office of Homeland Security.

The initiative of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) is evaluating a domestic early warning system for defense against bio-terrorism.

The Volpe project team, **Herbert Gould, Walter Gazda, Nicole Rossbach** and **Paul Zebe**, facilitated the BDI Transportation Workshop for DTRA, Depts. of Energy, Agriculture, the US Postal Service and most DOT agencies in Alexandria, VA.

The program included presentations on biological defense technology from DTRA, DOE, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, and Argonne National Laboratory, and on anthrax in the mail from US Postal Service.

Volpe Center Co-Sponsors International Conference on Advanced Technology

Leading transportation research and technology professionals from around the world gathered in Cambridge, MA, at the 7th International Conference on Applications of Advanced Technology in Transportation, co-sponsored by RSPA/Volpe and the American Society of Civil Engineers.



Dr. Richard John, Volpe director, welcomed the opening session.

Transportation Safety Institute

TSI Conducts First International Aviation Class In New Facilities

The Transportation Safety Institute's (TSI) Aviation Safety Division held its first international Instrument En Route and Approach Development Course using TSI instructors, newly renovated classrooms and specialized equipment. The course had been delivered using FAA instructors at the FAA's Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City.

All attendees were former air traffic controllers who are now able to utilize their approach development training in their respective countries to take on the challenging duties and responsibilities of aeronautical information specialists.



Pictured from left to right is Toshihiko Wakui, Aya Obata, Bi-Yueh (Albert) Shieh, Sawai Khatitukgula, Joseph Florio (Instructor) and Udomluk Chansuk.

RSPA Sponsors Multimodal Hazardous Materials Transportation Training Seminar

In July, RSPA's Transportation Safety Institute and Office of Hazardous Materials Safety sponsored a Multimodal Hazardous Materials Transportation Training Seminar in San Jose, Ca.

This "One DOT" effort provided an opportunity for industry, state and local government agencies to learn about hazardous materials transportation regulatory requirements, rulemakings, enforcement programs, and security from representatives of RSPA, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Federal Railroad Administration, Transportation Security Administration and the United States Coast Guard.

The seminar provided training and outreach to approximately 310 participants, of whom 85 percent were from industry and 15 percent were from state and local government agencies.

TSI Celebrates Fifth "Excellence in Action" Awards

The TSI's *Excellence In Action* awards program offers every staff member and contractor the opportunity to nominate fellow coworkers for awards in the following categories: TSI Federal Excellence, Outstanding Co-Worker, Customer Service, Community Service, and Team Spirit. Contractors participate through their respective employers, who are represented at the awards ceremony. A selection panel is chosen to review and rate the nominations. Award winners receive lapel pins and small mementos to display on their desks. Congratulations to everyone involved!



Federal Excellence Award:
Radonna Snider,
Transit Division, DTI-80



Outstanding Co-worker:
Amanda Rogers,
Pipeline Division, DTI-60



Customer Service:
Mark Strother,
Operations Support Division, DTI-10



Team Spirit Award: The Information Technology Team—Jim Bitner, and James Duncan, Operations Support Division, DTI-10 and Gary Gardner, Pipeline Safety Division, DTI-60

Civil Rights / Chief Counsel

RSPA's Interns Produce *RESULTS*

Thank you to RSPA's summer interns for helping to make RSPA better than they found it. We are grateful for the important role each played on the RSPA family team. Here are their results:

Lisa Alexander, OET and DCR, concentrated on two major projects. She conducted research on the Secretary's Crisis Management Center, and participated on the Departmental Diversity Council.

Timothy Fu, DIR, surveyed Hydrogen Infrastructure Codes and Standards, and R&D priorities for fuel cell vehicles that affect the commercialization of fuel cell-powered vehicles.

Anne Futrell, DIR, provided a statistical analysis of the performance indicator data of the University Transportation Center Program (UTC). The study documented UTCs' production results, successes and failures.

Nellis Kennedy, DMA, edited and formatted past Information Technology (IT) contracts, and entered all FY'04 IT Initiatives data into the RSPA internet program Information Technology Investment Portfolio System.

Monica Severson, OET, researched critical issues for Continuity of Operations Evacuation Planning for US DOT in the National Capital Region.

Erica Stallworth, OPS, analyzed aspects of the OPS natural gas and hazardous liquid pipeline safety state grant programs, by examining and graphically evaluating the programs from different parameters.

Nick Walker, DHM, manipulated a database created by the Environmental Protection Agency that lists hazmat stored at different facilities, to identify those that transport large amounts of hazmat. The database will be used to discuss possible safety methods to prevent possible terrorist attacks or other forms of intentional harm.



RSPA Interns with Administrator Ellen Engleman. On their last day, each intern presented a letter for Secretary Mineta to Administrator Engleman, as well as a copy of his or her final reports.

RSPA Conducts Pipeline Pipeline Corrective Action Order Hearing

On July 17, RSPA's Office of Chief Counsel conducted a hearing on the corrective action order issued by the Office of Pipeline Safety in late June against Columbia Gas Transmission Company. The order concerns Columbia's pipeline that runs from the Pennsylvania State line to the Delaware River at the Pennsylvania-New York State line. The order addresses an internal inspection on the line done by the company that found approximately 800 anomalies on the line with wall loss greater than 65 percent.

The company requested relief from some of the corrective action and provided further information in support of their request.

RSPA Wins Longhorn Pipeline Court Case

After four years of litigation, US District Court Judge Sam Sparks recently ruled that DOT/OPS is free to approve the spill response plan submitted by Longhorn Pipeline. In his decision, Judge Sparks indicated that the two-year environmental review conducted by DOT and the US Environmental Protection Agency satisfied all requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act. Longhorn still has some repairs to make on the pipeline before the spill response plan can be approved. RSPA's **Paul Sanchez** represented DOT at the hearing.

Management and Administration

RSPA Submits Year 2002 FAIR Act Inventory in Support of the President's Competitive Sourcing Initiative

RSPA prepared and submitted its Year 2002 Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act Inventory to the Office of the Secretary (OST) in support of the President's Competitive Sourcing Management Initiative. RSPA's inventory was consolidated with other DOT Administrations' inventories and was submitted by OST to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on June 30.

Based on the findings of the Commercial Activities Panel, OMB is reconsidering the A-76 process in an attempt to combine the best elements of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) competition process with the most effective components in the A-76 guidance. The revised procedures may include a best value approach, greater use of performance incentives and clearer conflict-of-interest guidance. In addition,

the new guidance will promote the use of trained centralized management teams to conduct A-76 competitions. Many conferences are being held to address the Competitive Sourcing initiative.

Lisa Kleiner, Barbara Mulcahy, Rhonda Malloy, Paul Robinson and Delois Westbury of RSPA Human Resources attended a competitive sourcing conference on July 23 at the Department of Interior. The workshop focused on federal workforce implications. On July 31, **Paul Robinson**, RSPA Director of Human Resources, participated in a Human Resources Implications in Competitive Sourcing panel discussion.

Lola Ward, RSPA Director of Contracts and Procurement, attended a town hall meeting on July 26 that addressed potential policy changes to improve the way government agencies manage Competitive Sourcing.

RSPA is Going for Green — E-Government and Telecommuting

RSPA's Office of Management and Administration is leading the development of revised RSPA guidance on telecommuting based on changes to Departmental policy to reflect Congressional intent for the program.

All RSPA offices are participating in a workgroup to update RSPA current policy and guidelines. A telecommuting web-based survey of RSPA headquarters, region, and TSI employees has been distributed to obtain employee views on the strengths and benefits, as well as weaknesses and challenges of RSPA's current telecommuting program. So far over 100 responses to the survey have been received.

Office of Contracts and Procurement Supports TSA

The Office of Contracts and Procurement, in response to an urgent request for airport screener training support services, provided acquisition support services for RSPA's Transportation Safety Institute (TSI) by quickly awarding an Interagency Agreement with the newly formed Transportation Security Administration (TSA). The purpose of the agreement was to provide instructional services for the establishment of an airport security Screener Training Program. The team consisted of **Tom Scott** and **Cynthia Barzey** of DMA.

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And Performance Equals RSPA RESULTS!**

TEAM RSPA Welcomes:

Keith O'Neil; Shanta Monts; Darryl Song; Maria
Timothy Fu; Thomas Sachs; Dumanis; Bess Rabin;
Michael Khayata; Joseph Elizabeth Batiuchok;
Mataich; James Arnold; Katherine Fichter; Chitra
Frank Henderson; Cynthia Kumar; Ryan Jazayeri;
Lewis; Robert Guisinger; Sarah Nobel; Sophia
James Merritt; Hossein Pierre; Elizabeth
Monfared; Lawrence White; Chamberlain; Gregory
John Rosenwald; John Ayers; Alan Rao; Suzanne
Lambert; Kenneth Herzog; Sposato; Daniel Parent;
Kyra Stewart; Brendan Brandon Talamini;
Fernald; Michael Killoren; Suleika Martinez; Gina
Melanie Pincus; Kristina Guzell; William Ellicott;
Lopez-Bernal; Christopher Elizabeth Turner; Lisa
Scarpone; Andrew Malwitz; Deslauriers; Diana Story
Mildred Almonte-Cabrera; Joseph Floria; James
Nathan Rolander; Jackson; Jerre Thomas

RSPA Team Members MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Shane Kelley, from the Office of Hazardous Materials Safety, recently embarked on a mission to Mexico to an orphanage called "El Oasis", run by the charitable organization *International Children's Care*.

"We enjoyed the time spent with the orphans, and especially the free moments we had to simply play with them and enjoy their smiles," said Kelly.

The purpose of this mission was to construct an educational building.

Debbie Hinz, RSPA's Office of Policy, recently spent a week volunteering in Scranton, Pennsylvania, on a Habitat for Humanity work project with her church's youth group. When the group of 40 arrived at the work site, two houses were completed, one was partially finished and the foundation had been poured for a duplex. When the group left, they had attached the siding and put up the dry wall in the one house and completely framed and roofed the duplex. Debbie was a member of the kitchen crew,

providing meals and snacks for the hungry construction workers.

This is the 13th year this group has participated in Habitat. The group funds their missions, by putting on a play.

Anil Mehta, a RSPA hazmat enforcement attorney, was recently honored by his law school. The Western State University College of Law, Orange County, California, selected him for admission to its Alumni Hall of Fame.

He was recognized for his outstanding pro bono legal representation of children, the elderly, and victims of domestic violence in Orange County Superior Court (totaling more than 2,000 hours); his service on the Superior Court's task force on compliance with the Americans for Disabilities Act; his service on the State Bar of California's Committee of Legal Professionals with Disabilities, and local bar association pro bono activities.

Previously, his activities resulted in his being named Orange County Attorney of the Year, California Attorney of the Year, and a recipient of the American Bar Association's Pro Bono Attorney Award.



RSPA's Shane Kelley and others learn the mason's art of mixing concrete