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*Barletta Heavy Division Partners With Team QWP
to Overhaul the Hultman Aqueduct*



After more than 60 years of continuous service, the Hultman Aqueduct is finally receiving a well-deserved overhaul. From 1939 through 2003, millions of Metro Boston residents relied on the Hultman Aqueduct to deliver almost all of its drinking water. By the 1990s, the aging surface aqueduct was riddled with leaks – and losing about 400,000 gallons of water per day. Valves needed to be replaced and water pressure fluctuated. Though the Hultman was still operational, without extensive repair, it was only a matter of time before a major breach would occur.

If the aqueduct failed, virtually all water service to Boston would have been cut off, a potential disaster for the region's public health, safety and economy. Still, repairs could not be performed as long as the Hultman remained the only major waterline for Boston. This vicious cycle ended in 2003, when the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) started up the MetroWest Water Supply Tunnel, a new water transmission line that mirrors the route of the Hultman Aqueduct.

The Hultman has been taken off-line, and its rehabilitation is under way. When work is complete, the old aqueduct and the new tunnel can be used interchangeably: if one line needs repair, the other will be activated, with little or no interruption to service. The Hultman Aqueduct Interconnections contract was awarded to Barletta Heavy Division, Inc., in July 2009 at a cost of \$48 million. The project's Design Engineer is Jacobs Civil, Inc.

Quality Water Products is thrilled to be part of this massive undertaking as they have partnered with Barletta in the rehabilitation of dozens of valve and blow-off vaults as well as meter vaults and pressure-reducing vaults. Team QWP is supplying valves and fittings along with fabricated ductile iron pipe from 3" through 60". The Team QWP machine shop has been humming along this past year flanging and grooving pipe which is individually bundled and delivered by vault location.

The vaults are spread over 13 miles, meaning timing and delivery have been key to the success of the project. A job as complex and large as this takes tremendous coordination from the office and field staff of Barletta. The Barletta team of James Fitzpatrick, Dennis Ferreira, Dan McGathy, James Marucca, Dave McGuire, Gena Mohan and Seta Kalajian are working closely with Jeff Carlos and Joe Boudreau of Team QWP to keep the job flowing smoothly from start to finish.

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First Round of 2011 Know H₂O^W® Seminars Completed in Indiana and Ohio

Three full-day workshops were held in the Midwest in early January. The events kicked off Team EJP's 4th Annual Know H₂O^W® Seminar series. The 151 attendees included design professionals, contractors, water operators, wastewater operators, and many others.



A second round of workshops is scheduled in Sturbridge, Massachusetts; Manchester, New Hampshire; and Portland, Maine, respectively, on March 22–24 of this year. Team EJP is also sponsoring two coastal erosion control training events in Plymouth, Massachusetts, and Ipswich, Massachusetts, on April 5 and 6.

The 2011 full-day seminars, titled “Harnessing the Power of Water,” were held in Evansville, Indiana; Mason, Ohio; and Findlay, Ohio. Team EJP's Chief Executive Officer, Peter Prescott, offered opening remarks. During this segment, Prescott encouraged participants to share their experiences and reactions to the program. He underlined the importance of education and training as key to the future of our industry. The keynote address was delivered by Pete Hanrahan, Team EJP Erosion Control and Geoproducts Manager. In his presentation, Hanrahan discussed the vital importance of protecting our precious water resources for future generations.

Later in the day, seminar participants broke into eight small groups. Each group progressed through eight interactive stations, at which they learned about emergent technology and the latest best management practices in the water, wastewater and stormwater industries. These interactive stations were manned by a combination of Team E.J. Prescott specialists and key vendor representatives.

The day concluded with remarks by Team EJP's Peter Prescott. Seminar attendees were thanked for being dedicated to our industry and for taking time from their schedules to share their experiences with our team. Team EJP would like to thank our employees and vendors who worked so hard to make these events successful. Most of all, we offer our heartfelt thanks to the 151 individuals who gave us a full day of their time to learn more about the water industry. Together we will make a difference!

Williamstown, VT, Wastewater Treatment Facility Aeration Project

In the summer of 2010, town officials knew that the Williamstown, VT, wastewater treatment facility would need to have the lagoon aeration system replaced. The efficiency of the old system had greatly diminished throughout the years, and replacement could not be put off for another season. Town Manager Garrett Earls and Alan Chouinard of Simon Operating Systems researched several options, including packages, and decided to go with Teams EJP and Plastic Pipe Fabrication (PPF), a division of E.J. Prescott, for the materials and labor involved in building the manifolds and piping.

Each lagoon had four runs with five diffusers attached to the manifold (all SDR 17 fusion pipe) with EPDM-reinforced rubber hose and a PVC butterfly valve. Kevin McCurdy of PPF and Katrina McCurdy, a University of Prescott student, did all the fusion work and used the sidewinder to attach the nipples onto the piping. It was immediately evident upon completion of the first lagoon that the new system had lowered the back pressure on the blower, dramatically increasing the amount of bubbles in the lagoon by as much as four times.

With the help of Garrett working with Team EJP on the weekend, we completed the project ahead of schedule. Special thanks go out to Garrett Earls, Alan Chouinard, and Williamstown for letting Teams EJP and PPF help out on their project.



Katrina & Garrett



As part of her on-the-job training, Katrina McCurdy, a UP student, took a leadership role in this project. She communicated with the customer and orchestrated the efforts of Team PPF throughout. The University of Prescott is accepting applications now. Do you know someone looking for hands-on industry training and a rewarding career?

Team EJP and Crosby Excavating “Team Up” For a Water System Upgrade in Ossian, Indiana



Photo: Brian Reed, Team EJP; Dawn Crosby, Crosby Excavating Inc.; Tim Brown, Team EJP (back); Mike Plasterer, Ossian Superintendent; Ryan Reville & Steve Crosby, Crosby Excavating Inc.

Crosby Excavating, a contractor from the Fort Wayne, Indiana, area, was awarded the bid for the town of Ossian Phase I Water System Improvement Project. Plans include increasing the size of the water main and replacing aging pipe. Changes to the distribution system will increase flow capability, potentially attracting additional commercial and industrial businesses to the town of Ossian. More importantly, improvements will provide

much needed water flow in the case of an unforeseen fire, and will distribute safe drinking water to each home in the community.

Funding for the project falls under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (i.e., the Stimulus), with a price tag of \$2.6 million. Team EJP will have provided over 30,000 feet of DR18 PVC pipe ranging from 6” to 12” in diameter on this project (JM Eagle, pipe manufacturer). In addition, 52 Waterous fire hydrants (American Flow Control, manufacturer) will be installed, upgrading the town’s capability for fire protection.

The project is well under way and will be finalized this spring. We would like to thank the town of Ossian and Crosby Excavating for entrusting Team EJP with meeting the needs of this community.

Gagliarducci Construction Project

Supplied by Team EJP Springfield, MA

Minnechaug Regional High School, Wilbraham, MA

Gagliarducci construction of Springfield, MA, installed an 8” class 52 ductile iron water main manufactured by Griffin Pipe Products, over a newly installed 42” N12 storm drain pipe manufactured by Advanced Drainage Systems. Al Cuipenski, job foreman for Gagliarducci, is overseeing the project which has various sizes of ADS smooth wall pipe ranging in size from 6” to 42”. With all the new utilities being installed, Gagliarducci has had to go up and over and down and under other piping, as can be seen in the accompanying photos, to make it all work. The project has a completion date of 2013.



Brad Robertson of Mitchell & Stark Construction

The Result of Spec Work

While paying a visit to a local engineer, I learned of a project he was working on at a local military base, Camp Atterbury in Edinburg, Indiana. Brad Bender of FPBH, Inc., was trying to put together a 10” fire line meter. After working with Jeff Cunningham and the Sensus Engineering Department, we were able to get Brad the drawings he needed to get this project on paper. The meter that was recommended for use in this project was 10” Turbo W-5500 ECR-WP 1 W/W-160 Bypass Compact Fireline Assembly W/UL/FM Approved Strainer.

Several months later the job was awarded to one of our local contractors, Mitchell & Stark Construction, with Brad Robertson heading up the job. After much effort by our team at the Jeffersonville branch, we were able to put together a package of two of these systems and all the necessary parts and pieces to retrofit the meters into the existing system.

Article Written by: Dennis Wilhelm / Outside Sales EJP Jeffersonville, IN.

Team EJP Helps to Solve a Restraint Issue in Fort Wayne, Indiana!

Team EJP in Fort Wayne, Indiana, received a shout out from the city asking for help in understanding a restraint issue they had downtown with a 12" main. It was 7 degrees above zero with a stiff wind when we arrived onsite! They were grateful for our willingness to brave the elements and supply the answers they needed. Rick Seals, Engineering Representative for Development Services in Fort Wayne, wrote: "Tim/Brian, thanks again for your quick response and suggestions for resolving our restraint concerns. Outstanding service!"

Corporal Josh Carrier

Corporal Josh Carrier of the U.S. Marine Corps has proudly served his country in war-torn southeastern Afghanistan. For the last 15 years, no Afghan children had gone to school in Corporal Carrier's area of responsibility. Now over 1,000 children go to school in a safe and secure environment. Of these 1,000 students, 21 are girls. That might seem like a pretty small number in comparison to the boys, but in the past, that culture did not see any benefit at all to educating girls. Joshua and his platoon are making a huge difference in the lives of these Afghan children.

"AUGUSTA, Maine (NEWS CENTER) --

source: <http://www.wcsh6.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=146130>

A marine from Maine was recognized at the State House this morning for his service to the state and the country. Governor Paul LePage presented Corporal Joshua Carrier who recently returned from Afghanistan with a state flag. Corporal Carrier is based out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. He graduated from Erskine Academy in 2007. Carrier has served two tours, one monitoring pirate activity in the Mediterranean and training Saudi and Kuwaiti Armies. His second tour sent him to Afghanistan where he served as a squad leader leading dozens of marines. He says he's worked hard in the military to show it means more than a title.

"Just from what my parents taught me, like the values we live by. And really everybody can just sit around and talk about what they don't like and what they do, but only a few people get out and do something about them, and I wanted to do my part at least," Corporal Carrier said. Corporal Carrier plans on staying on home turf for awhile and going to college to study engineering."

Josh is the son of Team EJP's longtime friend and business associate Cathy DeMerchant of Capital Area Staffing Solutions, Inc.

A New Look and Feel Are About to Bloom at Team EJP!

The seeds have been planted for our new Team EJP Wellness Initiative. We are in the process of rolling out an integrated wellness program that is highly customized to meet the needs of Team EJP employees. Not only will this great service benefit each employee who decides to take part, but it will increase productivity, decrease absenteeism, and reduce health insurance claims. In the end, every employee has responsibility for helping contain EJP's healthcare costs. It is our intention to continue to offer the best health insurance possible for our employees while keeping the costs affordable.

At Team EJP, our greatest assets are our employees. We have found a company, AdvancingWellness, to provide us with the services that support our employees on an ongoing personal level. Health Coach Melissa Naborowsky, RN, will work one-on-one with employees to help them attain their personal wellness goals. We invite all of our friends, colleagues, and customers to take notice of the small changes that are about to begin happening for Team EJP!



Corporal Josh Carrier, USMC
2/6 Echo Company, 3rd Platoon
(also known as the "2/6 Spartans"
and "The Ready Battalion")



Top Row: Todd Arsenuault, Adam Clark, Matt Molaski, Bob Simard, Josh Webb, Dylan McDermott. Front Row: Steven Prescott, Jaye Trimm, Melissa Naborowsky, Katrina McCurdy.

Steve Marcucio of Team EJP Elected NTA Treasurer



The Northeast Trenchless Association (NTA) is a regional organization of contractors, suppliers, manufacturers, and engineers that are involved with trenchless technology. Trenchless technology refers to subsurface construction work, that is, less trenches or no continuous trenches are required to be dug. It is a rapidly growing sector of the construction and civil engineering industry, and can be defined as: “A family of methods, materials, and equipment capable of being used for the installation of new or replacement or rehabilitation of existing underground infrastructure with minimal disruption to surface traffic, business, and other activities.”

The NTA’s basic goals are to advance the professionalism of its members and increase awareness of the benefits of trenchless construction among owners and operators of area utility providers, general contractors, engineers, and the general public through regularly scheduled meetings, industry-specific presentations, and educational programs, and to share information. The NTA currently has 14 general members represented by a variety of trenchless technology contractors, as well as 22 associate members represented by suppliers and engineering firms from across the Northeast.

The NTA held its 2011 Annual Meeting on January 17 and 18 in Danvers, MA. This two-day event provided attendees with a variety of workshops and classes focused around industry topics, including two safety-related classes taught by Team EJP’s own Bob Moody. The meeting also included the elections for the NTA 2011 Board of Directors. Steve Marcucio, Inside Marketing Representative from Team EJP’s Concord, NH, division, was elected NTA Treasurer. E.J. Prescott, Inc., is proud to be a member of the NTA, and we look forward to furthering our relationship with the NTA over the next several years. For more information on the NTA, please visit their website: www.northeasttrenchless.com.

Team EJP and Ohio Contractors Association Adopt Families!

E.J. Prescott doesn’t just have wonderful people working for them — they also have Mrs. Claus and her little elves. The Lima area contractors, members of the Ohio Contractors Association (OCA), do some type of charity work each year. This year they decided to adopt families!

Through information provided by the Allen County Children’s Services, they decided to adopt four separate families. As you can see, they did not disappoint these eight children or their parents. Each family received food and gifts for everyone.

Holly Dunson, Manager Team EJP/Lima Division



Team EJP’s Pete Hanrahan Re-elected

Team EJP’s Pete Hanrahan has been re-elected President of the Northeast Chapter of the International Erosion Control Association. The Northeast Chapter covers New York and all six New England states. Pete was re-elected to a second 1-year term as President at the organization’s Annual Conference in Concord, New Hampshire, on November 30, 2010.

Pete Hanrahan is a Certified Professional in Erosion & Sediment Control and is Erosion Control & Geoproduct Manager at E.J. Prescott. He has 32 years of industry experience and has been actively involved with the International Erosion Control Association since 1995.

Three-Phase Project

From Emergency to Completion

On January 26, 2010, water and wastewater superintendent John Coffey of Randolph, Vermont, found that their influent flow chart had dropped off from 300,000 gallons to 180,000 gallons and that the pump run times had dropped from 8 hours a day to less than an hour a day. Suspecting that they had a break on their force main, John and associates Roy and Tony spent the next week searching for it. On February 2, they discovered the break on a 4" ductile iron line at the edge of Ayers Brook located behind the pump station.

Phase 1 - Emergency Repairs

John immediately notified the state of Vermont and Randolph's Highway Department for men and equipment. Next John notified Dimmick's Septic Service for bypass pumping and transporting to the treatment plant. Once arriving onsite to survey the situation,



Emergency Crossing

Chris of Team EJP and John determined that the 4" line was also broken in the river bed. Just repairing or reconnecting the broken line wouldn't solve the problem. The decision was made to use 4" high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe strung over the 120-foot-wide brook and reconnect to the existing ductile iron pipe with MJ adapters. Given the frequency of the pumps, John and Chris hoped that this bypass line wouldn't freeze during the remaining cold winter months. Chris then called Team EJP's Barre, Vermont, office requesting Vito Naikus, the Barre service tech, be dispatched to Randolph bringing with him 4" pipe, fittings, and fusion equipment. Though fighting icy waters and air temperatures in the low 20's, everyone involved worked late into the night to make the repair. By midnight we turned the new 4" line on and discontinued the bypass pumping. This also quieted the beaver that

had spent the night chattering and tail-slapping trying to chase us off his territory. During the late cold night's work, the town manager, Gary Champy, was onsite and commented that he was glad they indeed were a VAS customer.

Phase 2 - System Upgrade

The state of Vermont, after inspection of the emergency repair, asked the town to relocate the riser we had connected to on the east side of the river. Chuck Goodling from Dubois & King Engineering of Randolph was brought in to design a cable system to suspend the pipe across and above the brook. On March 2, John and his men from the town along with Dimmick's Septic Service and Team EJP worked together once again to move the riser and reconnect the 4" HDPE pipe as requested.



Cable Crossing

Phase 3 - Completion

The following July, Coffey gained permission to open/cut Ayers Brook. This was accomplished by using fifty 2-yard waste blocks of concrete to form a coffer dam, closing off half the brook at a time. Into this we installed twin 16" and twin 8" ductile iron sleeves encased in 60 yards of concrete below the riverbed. EJP was on hand to fuse the 120 feet of 6" HDPE pipe and pull it through one of the 16" sleeves, leaving the other open for anticipated future expansion. The waste blocks were then used to stabilize the stream bank. The excavation in the river for this project was accomplished with the assistance of Pickett's Excavation of Chelsea, Vermont.



Coffer Dam

John Coffey has concluded that the smoothness of the polyethylene pipe has reduced friction such that there has been a 35 percent to 40 percent decrease in pump usage. With this successful use of the polyethylene pipe, John anticipates using it in the future as the town continues to grow and expand.

Team EJP Says: “Goodbye to a Friend”

Timothy Jay White

E.J. Prescott wishes to extend its heartfelt condolences to the White family on the passing of Timothy Jay White, 52, of Yarmouth and Carrabassett Valley, Maine. Many of you may remember Tim’s father, Donald, a highly respected general contractor specializing in earthwork, roads, and utilities. Donald’s untimely death resulted in Tim leaving college to help run the family business, White Brothers. It truly became “White Brothers” as Tim and his brother Michael carried on their father’s legacy. Tim served for years in many company capacities, including general superintendent and vice president, and he loved and cared for his employees.

Patoka Lake Regional Water and Sewer District Phase VII Water Project

Team EJP Jeffersonville, IN

Patoka Lake Regional Water and Sewer (PLRWS) district in Dubois, IN, is proud to announce the award of their new meter reading system for their Phase VII Project to Team EJP’s Jeffersonville branch. Teaming up with Sensus, Team EJP will provide PLRWS with migratable FlexNet SmartPoint M2 radios, residential SRII water meters, and the OMNI T2 large-diameter water meter in their master meter pit. The utility will be the very first in southern Indiana to utilize the FlexNet transmitters for an automatic meter reading system.

Sensus has continued to deliver products and solutions customers can count on for over 100 years. These products help in the conservation, management, and measurement of our valuable resources. Every Sensus product meets and exceeds all AWWA standards and does not fall short of the highest quality, reliability, and innovation.

The FlexNet SmartPoint M2 is a radio transceiver that provides water utilities inbound and outbound access to water measurement and ancillary device diagnostics via radio signal. The SmartPoint 520M is designed for submersible pit-set environments. With its migratable two-way communication ability, the M-Series SmartPoint functions as a walk-by/drive-by end point, fixed base end point, or combination of the two. This flexibility increases utility data collection capabilities and streamlines operations.

The SRII residential water meter is a magnetic drive positive displacement meter that uses an oscillating piston to provide superior sensitivity in measuring a wide range of flows for a variety of applications and service needs. The meter consists of a high-quality-cast bronze main case, dual internal ports, and streamlined flow pattern to provide lasting measurement accuracy and deliver years of dependable service.



The OMNI large-diameter meter is the most technologically advanced meter on the market today. Its floating ball technology (FBT) allows it to have optimal measurement performance, and the impeller’s ball design makes it weightless in the water line which enables it to begin moving with very minimal water flow. The technology of the OMNI results in low flow sensitivity and extended high flow rates with virtually no internal wear of the meter.

With the FlexNet SmartPoint M2 transmitters, the SRII meters, and the OMNI meters, the utility can implement programs such as leak detection and monitor their customers’ usage. This combination provides them with the ability to capture previously unmeasurable water, yielding additional revenue.



For more information on FlexNet and other Sensus products, please contact your local Team EJP representative.

MAINE MURAL CONTEST

All visitors who enter the lobby of Team EJP's corporate office in Gardiner, ME, have the pleasure of viewing a mural created by Jane Burke, a well-known local artist. The painting covers a two-story wall featuring the natural beauty of Maine. We at EJP want to share this work of art with you by inviting you to participate in our contest.



CONTEST RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

TO ENTER:

Contestants must complete an entry form and return it to EJP via one of the following:

Mail: Maine Mural Contest
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PO Box 600
Gardiner, ME 04345

Fax: (207) 582-8922
Email: muralcontest@ejprescott.com

ELIGIBILITY RESTRICTIONS:

The contest is open to customers, friends, PEPtalk readers and vendors of Team EJP. Employees of Team EJP and members of their immediate families or households are NOT eligible.

EXECUTION:

The Maine Mural Contest will be held from April 30, 2011 to December 23, 2011. The Grand Prize Winner will be announced in our Spring 2012 edition of PEPtalk.

During calendar year 2011 Team EJP will publish four editions of PEPtalk, and nested inside each edition will be a printed image of one fourth (one "Quadrant") of the Team EJP Maine Mural along with a Contest Entry Form. For example: inside this edition (Spring 2011 – Volume 23) you will find a full-page image of Quadrant 1 (the lower left Quadrant of the Maine Mural). Please review the Quadrant 1 image very carefully and list all of the animals and insects that you find in this image on the Contest Entry Form printed on the back of Quadrant 1.

Inside this edition of PEPtalk (Spring 2011 – Volume 23) are complete CONTEST RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS. Please retain these rules and instructions and refer to them as necessary throughout the year. Also included in this edition you will find a full-page composite image of the Maine Mural showing all four Quadrants. Please retain this composite image and refer to it throughout the year. The Quadrant images will be published in sequence (one, two, three, and four). You may submit your Contest Entry Form(s) for any Quadrant(s) throughout the year in any sequence but we encourage you to respond as each Quadrant is published.

Prizes will be awarded to any contestant who correctly names (identifies) all of the animals and insects and the number of each per Quadrant. Only one entry per Quadrant will be allowed per contestant. One prize per Quadrant per winning contestant will be awarded. Completion of one Quadrant can result in one prize; completion of two Quadrants can result in two prizes, etc. All contestants with the correct answers for all four Quadrants will be entered into the Grand Prize Drawing.

The Grand Prize Drawing will take place on December 30, 2011. The Grand Prize Winner will be notified by phone and/or email. Prizes will be mailed to winners so be sure to include your mailing address.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

No purchase is necessary. Contest is void where prohibited. Contest is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

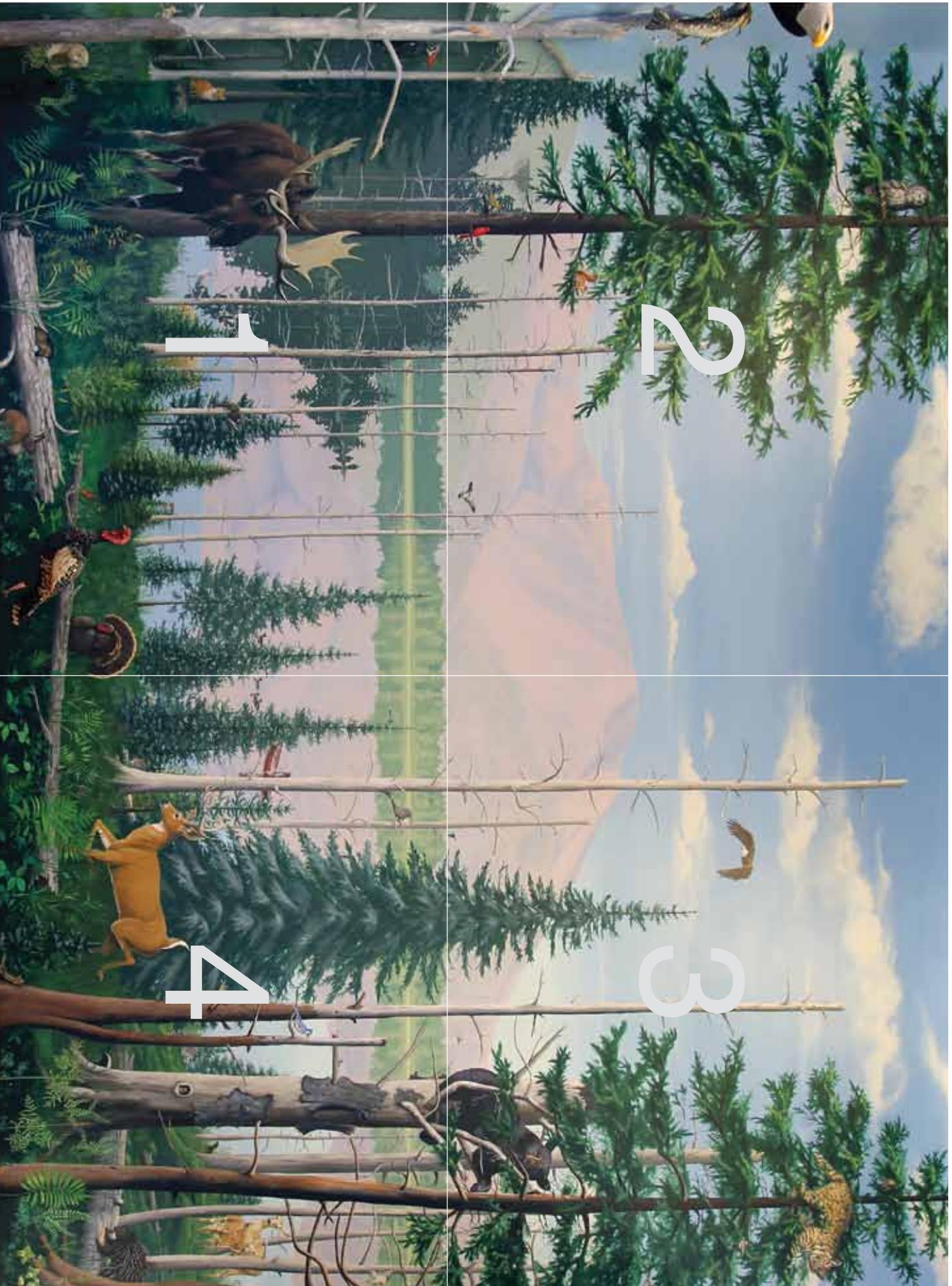
Odds of winning depend upon the number of eligible contestants participating during the contest period.

By participating in the contest, the winners agree to have their name and/or likeness used in any future issues of PEPtalk.

By entering this contest, each participant agrees to comply with the Official Rules and the decision of the contest sponsor which shall be final and binding in all aspects relating to the contest.

Contestants may view the mural at our website. www.ejprescott.com





Full Maine Mural Image Showing All Four Quadrants



Quadrant 1

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Middleboro Hydrant Conversion Provides Onsite Training



A.F.C. introduced their B84 and B62 hydrant conversion bases to the Middleboro, Massachusetts, Water Department. Middleboro, along with Water Foreman Bill Wager, has become a leader in using this product to replace the dated “American Darling” B50 hydrants.

Over the past year and a half, Team EJP’s Don Cooper, from the Brockton Division, has worked with Water Foreman Wager, who permitted E.J. Prescott to invite other EJP Divisions as well as representatives of local municipalities to Middleboro to watch B50 hydrant replacements using the B62 conversion base. By allowing Team EJP to use this type of hydrant replacement as a demo, other cities and towns could see firsthand the savings in labor and materials that the town of Middleboro has realized by not having to dig up roads and by not disturbing the thrust block (because it is no longer necessary to cut back to the gate valve). The process also provides a safer work environment.

Bill Wager’s crew has become so efficient that a hydrant replacement is usually done within 2 hours, with very little disruption to home owners’ yards or town roads. Team EJP Brockton would like to thank the town of Middleboro and Water Superintendent Joe Silva, along with Bill Wager and his crew, for being such great hosts.