

Need \$100,000 for Regular Facilities Maintenance?

The New York State Education Department (SED) has a funding program in which districts can complete one \$100,000 project per year at one facility for only a fraction of the cost. As you may know, aid for building projects is usually spread over a 15- to 20-year period. But, there is an exception for projects up to \$100,000. Districts can receive building aid in the year after construction. We all know...a \$100,000 project doesn't get you much, but if your district needs a small renovation, this might help.

BCK-IBI Group can evaluate your facilities and assist in implementing a \$100,000 maintenance program in your district. For more information, e-mail Steve Thesier at steve.thesier@ibigroup.com or call him at 607.772.0007 ext 128.



Project Designer has a Heart for Habitat for Humanity

Ashley McCabe is a project designer responsible for architectural and interior space planning, design, and custom fit-up of both new construction and renovation projects at BCK-IBI Group. In her free time she enjoys being outdoors, hiking, kayaking, and taking photographs. She is also a Habitat for Humanity Global Village team leader, and most recently lead a team to Nepal from February 1 – 16, 2013. Habitat has taken Ashley to Kauai, Molokai, Guatemala, and New Zealand. Habitat for Humanity's Global Village program gives volunteers the opportunity to travel and embrace a new culture while helping deserving families erect their new



affordable homes. There is a consistent shortage of housing in many countries around the world and an even more dramatic shortage of affordable housing for low-income families. On her trip to Nepal, Ashley was building in the Kavre district, located just north of Kathmandu in Nepal's central region. At the foothills of the Himalayans, this area includes many of the country's Buddhist stupas and Hindu temples. It also includes many small villages with families in need of better housing. Above left: Ashley standing on the right with the sunglasses. Above right: Ashley pictured second to left with purple scarf.

You can read more about the Habitat for Humanity Global Village volunteer program at <http://www.habitat.org/gv> or ask Ashley at ashley.mccabe@ibigroup.com.

A Primer for Petroleum Bulk Storage

What aboveground petroleum storage facilities need to be registered?

Any aggregate capacity in a facility of 1,100 gallons or more of aboveground stationary storage is required to be registered. This means if you have multiple storage tanks exceeding a total of 1,100 gallons, all the tanks must be registered and comply with the petroleum bulk storage regulations. Examples of aboveground storage tanks include day tanks, motor oil, waste oil, lube oil, heating oil, gasoline, and diesel fuel.

What underground petroleum storage facilities need to be registered?

If you have more than 110 gallons of underground petroleum storage, all tanks must be registered and comply with the petroleum bulk storage regulations.

What tanks need to be labelled?

All aboveground and underground petroleum storage tanks must be labelled; there are specific labelling requirements for each storage system. The storage tank labelling must match what is stated on your petroleum bulk storage registration applications.



What about underground tank maintenance?

All underground tanks are accessible via sumps and manways. It is required these sumps and manways are always clean and dry of any stored product or water. They must be inspected on a regular basis and wiped clean of any material and liquid. It is suggested the facility owner create a maintenance checklist that must be signed every time the sumps and manways are inspected.

Additional information can be found on the Department of Environmental Conservation's website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/287.html>.

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