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Center lawyer team receives Seltzer Award

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. – Two Huntsville Center lawyers, Garry Brewer and Walter Roberts, were awarded the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Chief Counsel's E. Manning Seltzer Award for outstanding contributions to USACE legal services.

The E. Manning Seltzer Award recognizes an attorney who has made one or more special contributions to the Corps legal service mission through the development of a legal theory, a legal management innovation or practice, or outstanding performance in solving a legal or management problem.

Both Brewer and Roberts work at Huntsville Center's Environmental and Munitions Center of Expertise in Omaha, Neb. Both lawyers are subject matter experts on environmental law for the Corps of Engineers and support headquarters USACE environmental staff.

With their expertise in environmental law, many Corps districts have sought Brewer and Roberts' training, not just for legal counsel, but also for program managers and other technical personnel.

One of the most appealing aspects of their work is that they tailor their presentations based on the interests of each district.

Topics Brewer and Roberts developed into training presentations include basic environmental law, DERA and FUDS, CERCLA and the Remediation Process, Defense/State Memorandums of Agreement and Common Operation Reports.

Margaret Simmons, Huntsville Center chief of counsel, said based on positive responses from their training sessions, Brewer and Roberts have made a special and significant contribution to the Corps' legal offices and increased awareness of environmental law throughout USACE.

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