The Virginia Association of Surveyors (VAS) recently contacted Virginia's Department of General Services expressing "deep concern" for a request for proposal (RFP). This multi-state solicitation, according to VAS President Kevin Shreiner's letter, violates Virginia's surveying law by including services that meet the state law definition of the practice of surveying without requiring a licensed surveyor, and requesting prices in violation of Virginia's professional services qualifications based selection (QBS) law, as well as similar laws in other states.
Registration Open for Summer Seminar

Registration is OPEN for the VAS Summer Seminar, to be held on Friday, June 22 at the Double Tree Hotel, Richmond in Virginia. The seminar will provide continuing education on the Benefits of Mobile Mapping and Aerial Photogrammetry/LIDAR Solutions as well as Coordinates Systems & Positional. For details and registration, click here.

Re-Introduction of "Footprints" with Bruce Frederick

"It's been said that the surveying profession is a dying profession. Nonsense! I think we'll be doing things in the future we never imagined. Surveyors are resilient, resourceful and will adapt to our ever-changing world."

Read more.

What is a Surveyor?

Chris Jensen discusses the challenge of recruiting young students to the surveying profession.

Read More.

NSPS Day on the Hill: David Holland

David Holland believes that Rep. Dave Brat (R--VA) was supportive of all the issues that surveyors face such as infrastructure, the Geospatial Data Act, and private sector utilization. Read More.

Michael Zmuda Reappointed to APELSCIDLA Board by Governor Northam

Governor Ralph Northam has accepted a VAS recommendation and reappointed Michael Zmuda, PE, LS, to a second term on the APELSCIDLA Board. He was recommended by VAS President
Kevin Shreiner with an endorsement from the VAS Board of Directors. Shreiner mentioned that, "Mike's experience in the private and public sectors make him a valuable resource for the APELSCIDLA Board. Having a VAS member in that prestigious position is an honor and a privilege." Read More.

Become a Licensed Land Surveyor with the John Foster School

In the twelve years that the Education Committee, the Surveyor's Foundation, and the Educational Trust have supported the John Foster School, we have seen over three hundred students go through the school. From the reports we have received back from the students, we believe a very large percentage have gone on to be practicing licensed land surveyors in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Read More.

"Father of GPS" awarded IEEE Medal of Honor
At the IEEE honors ceremony in San Francisco, Bradford Parkinson, a retired Air Force colonel who spent his life between maps and navigation systems, was awarded the 2018 IEEE Medal of Honor. Read More.

First Edition of ODS Available Online
The Historical Committee presented some of the first editions of Old Dominion Surveyor. The first edition describes Rear Admiral H. Arnold Kem who was going to address VAS members in 1965. Read More.

First Surveyor of Washington County Recognized
Col. Robert Preston worked as the first surveyor of Washington County, receiving the commission in 1779 from Thomas Jefferson, who at that time was Virginia's governor. Read More.

Recruit a Member
Did you know that when you recruit a new member to VAS you will receive a 25% discount on your membership dues? Spread the word about the great work VAS is doing for the surveying profession and be sure to tell the new member to include your name on the recommended portion of their application. Read more.

Letter from the Editor
The primary issue that most surveyors deal with is staffing. It does not matter if you are a large firm or a smaller sole proprietor, you must hire at some point. The VAS is pushing to create a Workforce Development strategy that will help the upcoming generation follow a path into the survey discipline. The current surveyor is a definite stereotype, but what will the future bring? Read More.

Supplemental Reading on Generational Differences.

NGS Seeks Comments on Coordinate Reference System
NOAA's National Geodetic Survey (NGS) will establish the State Plane Coordinate System of 2022 (SPCS2022) as part of the transition to the 2022 Terrestrial Reference Frames (TRFs). SPCS2022 is the successor to previous versions referenced to the North American Datums of 1983 and 1927. Read More.
NCEES Needs Your Help!

NCEES is currently seeking surveying professionals to participate in content review for the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exam. Learn More.

How Important is a Chain of Title?

Our last trip to the Old Dominion chronologically ended up being in the Bluegrass State. This month we are in the Commonwealth of Virginia "proper" visiting a case situated in the City of Virginia Beach. These subdivisions incidentally are in the exact spot where English Common Law set foot on the continent way back in 1607. Read More.

Order Your VAS Apparel
VAS is pleased to work with Land's End to provide an opportunity to purchase quality clothing with the VAS logo embroidered on it. Go on, showcase your membership in VAS. To start shopping and place your order, click here.

Advertise in Old Dominion Surveyor
We are opening ODS to advertising. To find out more, please click here.

Calendar of Events

**Summer Board Meeting & Seminar on June 22 - 23, 2018**
Hosted by the Central Chapter
Richmond, Virginia

**2018 John Foster School on June 24 - 27, 2018**
Richmond, Virginia

**Fall Board Meeting & Seminar on September 21 - 22, 2018**
Hosted by the Shenandoah Chapter
Front Royal, Virginia

New Job Announcements

There are two other openings listed in our job board. To view job openings, click here.
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