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HICAPS Takes Over Washington, D.C.

erhaps "takes over" is a bit of a stretch, but we have added to the number of HICAPS team members supporting our latest project in the nation's capital, literally steps from the White House. HICAPS launched its involvement in a new Washington Metro Area Transit Authority (WMATA) project with Motorola Solutions in December

of 2016. HICAPS has a long relationship working on WMATA projects with Motorola Solutions, dating as far back as 2000. This latest venture is a \$160 million public safety radio communications project involving 91 stations and 117 miles of track.

In addition to the rail services, the Metrobus serves the nation's capital 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week with 1,500 buses. Metrorail and Metrobus serves a population of nearly 4 million within a 1,500-square mile area. WMATA has its own police department, MTPD, with more than 490 sworn officers,



64 special security officers and 91 civilian employees that cover crimes that occur in or against the Transit Authority facilities. MTPD is the only tri-jurisdictional police agency in the country.

Partnered with Motorola Solutions, HICAPS is providing project management services for the above ground and below ground infrastructure, public

safety radio subscriber management, QAQC management, safety management, scheduling, test plan development and implementation, and design-build construction services.

This project is estimated to span six years. The HICAPS Telecom Team has expanded in order to fulfill all of these new roles and responsibilities. New team members include: Amir Ibrahim, Blaine Brown, Coke Smith, Lee Ragin, Ken Ciotti, Eric Mattingly, and Roxanne Fails. We are excited to continue our relationship with both Motorola Solutions and WMATA.

Meet The Newest Team Members For The WMATA Project

Lee Ragin, QAQC Manager, is responsible for the quality management



Lee Ragin

system for the entire scope of this WMATA project. A new member of the HICAPS team, Lee comes with 25+ years of experience in commercial and government construction. Her

experience come from roles as project manager for DC Wharf, Ft. Detrick, State Department and Whitehouse Communication Agency. As Senior Quality Assurance and Control Manager, Lee's experience comes from projects such as DC Street Car, Ft. Mead Livewire, BWI, Museum of African American History and Culture, Capital One Building and Capital Building. Lee's experience shows in her ability to step up and kick things into high gear with the execution of a successful quality management program. She previously served in, and retired from, the U.S Navy Seabees as a Master Construction Electrician and held multiple project management positions for civil, electrical, structural, mechanical, HVAC and telecommunications.

Erik Mattingly, Project Manager of the system acceptance test program, is no stranger to HICAPS. He was previously employed as an RF project engineer and is rejoining the team as a project manager for the development of the system acceptance test program and implementation of system test plans. Erik is experienced in RF engineering and mission critical power systems and is currently pursuing his MBA in Project Management.

Ken Ciotti, Below Ground Project Manager, is new to the HICAPS team. Ken has more than 20 years of telecommunication and systems integration experience in mass transit,

commercial vehicle transportation and CCTV. Ken's experience in telecom includes land mobile radio, GSM and TDMA Cellular, wi-fi networks, geostationary and



Erik Mattingly

low earth orbit satellite systems. Some recent accomplishments include the UHF upgrade of the WMATA heavy

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passenger rail cars, telematics system deployments for WMATA, DART and Ride-On transit, security and control systems technical upgrade at the Naval Brig Miramar.

Roxanne Fails, Project Administrator and Contract Manager, recently joined HICAPS on the WMATA







Roxanne Fails



Blaine Brown

Blaine Brown, Assistant Construction Manager, is brand new to the HICAPS team and is supporting Coke Smith on the design and construction management of this project. Blaine comes to HICAPS with 18+ years of experience at Crown Castle. He is a results-oriented technician with knowledge

in RF infrastructure and telecom. He has knowledge in radio transmitters, receivers, antennas, electronic theory, power and applications, and has the ability to interpret, analyze, diagnose and solve all technical problems. Blaine excels in customer service and training, and has won numerous awards during his tenure in telecommunications.

HICAPS Earns Accident Prevention Award

HICAPS recently received the Staff Zone "Accident Prevention Award" for keeping our workers safe, and maintaining a safe work environment for everyone.

project team and immediately jumped in as lead chaos

manager. Roxanne does an incredible job of fielding any task

that comes her way; she has excellent organization skills and

keeps the entire team updated. She is in charge of maintaining

all documentation, RFIs, and Procore submittals for the entire

WMATA, Motorola Solutions and HICAPS organizations.

Staff Zone partners with firms like HICAPS to promote worker safety. They offer weekly performance incentive programs and regularly recognize client safety initiatives.

Shown here from left to right: Monica Walser-Souther, Staff Zone Sales Manager, Glenn McDonald, HICAPS Superintendent, and Cory Henson, Staff Zone Market Manager.



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