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Hi Bob,  
I will definitely send a check to the Anglican Building Fund.

I will look forward to working with RD James.

While Interior is a lot of fun, and challenging, I do miss all my friends at Dawson and Associates!

Very best wishes,  
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On Tue, Oct 10, 2017 at 6:07 PM, Robert Dawson <[rdawson@dawsonassociates.com](mailto:rdawson@dawsonassociates.com)> wrote:

Scott,

I'm so sorry we didn't get word to you in the rush of things. Here are some messages and emails that begin to explain the series of events and which identify a place that would honor Don's memory as you so nicely suggest.

I hope our paths cross soon. I'm sure you've seen the notice on R.D. James which I'm also sending. He'll be a good one in working with all of the Federal agencies, I believe.

Highest and warmest personal regards,  
Bob

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On September 25, 2017 at 5:29 PM Stephen Dawson <[spdawson@dawsonassociates.com](mailto:spdawson@dawsonassociates.com)> wrote:

Colleagues,

I spoke to Don Crabill's daughter today and she has reported that Don had a “massive” stroke on Sunday and looks unlikely to recover.

She said they had spent some great time with him and Mary the night before and had had a great dinner followed by an evening in the hot tub!

He had gone to church the next morning and then as he prepped for his walk, he suffered the stroke.

Mr. Crabill was one of the team members that has been around since before my time and he has made massive contributions to our firm’s success.

We will keep you posted if there is any news.

Steve

On September 28, 2017 at 10:50 AM Robert Dawson <[rdawson@dawsonassociates.com](mailto:rdawson@dawsonassociates.com)> wrote:

Friends, Colleagues, and Teammates,

It is my sad duty to inform you that our friend Don Crabill passed away yesterday afternoon following a stroke suffered on Sunday, September 24, 2017.

The funeral service will be Monday at 1:00PM with visitation likely sometime this weekend.

We will keep you informed on locations and details as they develop. I know all of you join me in expressing deepest sympathy to Don’s wife Mary and to the children and grandchildren for this great loss, one that we at Dawson & Associates feel mightily as well.

Bob

P. S. If anyone has a good anecdote about Don, please send it to Peter Arnold who is working with Mary on an obituary.

<http://www.enr.com/articles/42945-industry-officials-praise-trumps-pick-for-army-civil-works-job>

## Industry Officials Praise Trump's Pick for Army Civil-Works Job

October 4, 2017  
Tom Ichniowski

Waterways and port officials are giving high marks to President Trump's decision to nominate long-time Mississippi River Commission member R.D. James to be assistant secretary of the Army for civil works.

The White House on Oct. 3 announced the selection of the Missouri farmer and businessman for the position, one of the most important federal posts for the engineering and construction industry.

The assistant secretary is the political appointee who oversees the Army Corps of Engineers' nonmilitary program, funded at about \$6 billion in fiscal 2017, which includes building and maintaining flood-control infrastructure, river locks and dams, port dredging and environmental restoration projects.

James, who has a civil-engineering degree from the University of Kentucky, is a farmer and also a manager of a New Madrid, Mo., cotton gin and grain elevator company.

Jim Walker, American Association of Port Authorities director of navigation policy and legislation, says, "We're pleased to see someone that's nominated that's got extensive navigation experience," in coastal and inland waterways.

Amy Larson, president of the National Waterways Conference, says, "He will bring a great deal of leadership and experience to the ASA-CW position."

Corps-watchers point to James's 36-year tenure on the Mississippi River Commission as a particularly strong credential for the Army civil works job.

The panel, established in 1879, has seven members—three Corps officers, one National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration official, and three private-sector members, two of whom are required to be civil engineers.

The commission "provides water resources engineering direction and policy advice to the administration, Congress and the Army" for the huge Mississippi River basin, according to its website.

Larson says, "Given his long history with the Mississippi River Commission, he has a wealth of knowledge on water resources issues, particularly navigation and flood control."

John Doyle, special counsel with law and lobbying firm Jones Walker LLP, says that James's commission experience "will equip him as well as just about anything I can think of, for somebody coming into that job to have a sense of major issues and the various parts of the Corps civil works program and the personnel and the interests who are affected by it."

Robert Dawson, president of Dawson & Associates, a Washington, D.C., consulting firm specializing in water resources and environmental issues, says he has known James since the late 1970s. Dawson, himself a former assistant Army secretary for civil works, welcomed James's appointment and says, "I'm confident he'll be approved by the Senate and assume that office, hopefully soon."

If Dawson's predictions are accurate, James could begin his new job in time for Trump to unveil his promised \$1-trillion, 10-year infrastructure investment proposal. If so, says AAPA's Walker, a former Corps civil works official, "We're looking forward to him getting in place to be able to be a voice for maritime infrastructure in any infrastructure investment legislation that develops."

Then there's the perennial Washington tussle over funding for Corps civil works. Overall federal discretionary spending remains under pressure but Corps infrastructure needs and its volume of authorized but unfunded projects are much larger than its annual appropriations.

Dawson says, "The budget will always be an issue... finding enough federal dollars to match up with nonfederal dollars to get the infrastructure demands of the country met."

Moreover, as recent hurricanes have shown, there also will be Corps-related funding needs for rebuilding after natural disasters, he notes.

On the regulatory front, James, if confirmed, could get involved with the Trump administration's controversial plan to rescind and rewrite a 2015 Obama administration rule that aimed to clarify the scope of federal jurisdiction over construction in and around streams, wetlands and other bodies of water.

The Trump administration contends the Obama "Waters of the United States" regulation overreached. Environmental groups strongly disagree.

Chief since the George H.W. Bush administration, and he has covered at least five major highway bills. A recognized expert on government policy on infrastructure and regulation, Tom is also a Baltimore native and Orioles fan who grew up rooting for Brooks and Frank Robinson. He is a graduate of Columbia College and Columbia's graduate school of journalism, where he once used "unrelentless" in a headline.

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**From:** Scott Cameron <[scott\\_cameron@ios.doi.gov](mailto:scott_cameron@ios.doi.gov)>

**Sent:** Monday, October 9, 2017 12:46 PM

**To:** Robert Dawson; Rick Capka; Janine Wilson

**Subject:** Don Crabill

Bob, Rick and Janine,

I just heard that Don has passed away. Is there anything I can do to honor his memory at this point?

Thanks,

Scott

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