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### Dam Safety 2002 To Address Security Issues

Dam Safety 2002, the annual conference and exhibit show of the Association of State Dam Safety Officials, will be held September 8-11 at Saddlebrook Resort, Tampa, Florida. Monday's opening general session will feature remarks by Deborah Getzoff, Director of Southwest District Management, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and a keynote address by Colonel Richard A. Searfoss, retired NASA Astronaut.

A general session, *Security at Dams One Year After 9/11*, will be held following the opening session. Confirmed speakers for this session, co-sponsored by The Infrastructure Security Partnership (TISP) include:

- Lieutenant General Robert B. Flowers, Commander and Chief of Engineers, US Army Corps of Engineers
- Commissioner John Keys, US Bureau of Reclamation
- Rudolph V. Matalucci, Ph.D., P.E., Sandia National Laboratories
- LTC Terrence P. Ryan, Provost Marshal/Chief, Security, Intelligence and Law Enforcement, US Army Corps of Engineers
- Larry Todd, Director of Operations, US Bureau of Reclamation
- Frank Calcagno, Senior Engineering Geologist, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Two more general sessions, *Emergency Action Plans and Liability* and *Dam Safety Research Needs*, and six concurrent sessions will be held during the conference, which concludes with a field trip to the IMC Global Phosphate Mining Facility.

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## Recipients of ASDSO 2002-2003 Undergraduate Scholarship Announced

Each year, the Association of State Dam Safety Officials awards up to \$5000 to undergraduate students who plan a career related to the design, construction and operation of dams. This year's winners were chosen from a field of 50 applicants, and will each receive grants of \$2500.

Ryan B. Ackerman, a repeat winner of the scholarship, maintains a 4.0 GPA at North Dakota State University. His major is Civil Engineering, with an emphasis on water resources, structural and geotechnical engineering. He serves as President and Vice-President, respectively, of the student chapters of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Institute of Transportation Engineers. His work experiences include land and construction surveying, land planning, drafting, geodetic control and serving as a research assistant on projects involving expansive clays and non-shrinking concrete mixes. After his graduation in May 2003, Mr. Ackerman plans to become dually registered as a Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor, and hopes to work for a consulting firm in a metropolitan area.

Eric Charles Olsen attends Utah State University, where he was named Outstanding Pre-Civil Engineering Student of 2001. He was recently nominated for Outstanding Junior Engineering Student of the Year by the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. He maintains a 3.9+ GPA, and is a member of the ASCE Student Chapter and Alpha Lambda Delta Academic Honor Society. Following graduation, he plans to pursue a Masters degree in Hydraulics, followed by a career in water management.

The ASDSO Scholarship Program was established in 1992 to award excellence in the study of civil engineering and related fields, and to make students more aware of dam safety as a career opportunity.

Applications for the 2003-2004 scholarships will be available in October 2002.

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*The Association of State Dam Safety Officials (ASDSO) is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to improving dam safety through research, education and communication. Since its formation in 1984, ASDSO has served as one of the premier professional organizations for individuals committed to ensuring the safety of dams in the U.S. For more information, please visit [www.damsafety.org](http://www.damsafety.org).*