

Features

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From San Francisco to London, Athens to Seoul, Bechtel boosts rail transit efficiency.

Right on Time

Bechtel has been keeping rail projects on track for more than a century.

Closing the Gap

New Bechtel-built power plants help ease California's energy shortage.

Protecting a River

An ambitious cleanup effort is restoring the environment at Hanford.

Something in the Air

AT&T Wireless gets an expansion and upgrade of its U.S. cellular network.



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Road to the Future

Croatia's modern motorway is a first step toward rebuilding the Balkans.

Sinkholes, caverns, and land mines don't deter Bechtel from succeeding in Croatia.

DEPARTMENTS

FRONT END

After terrorists struck on September 11, Bechtel employees responded by volunteering their time, talent, and money.

MILESTONES

Keeping up with Bechtel projects and people on job sites and in offices worldwide.

LIFE'S WORK

In Australia, Bechtel workers get into the spirit of giving by giving up their hair.



GABE KIRCHHEIMER/BLACK STAR

September 11, 2001

Engineers live to create. So when terrorists destroyed the World Trade Center in September, Bechtel employees around the world were especially stunned. Although

Bechtel didn't build the World Trade Center, we've spent more than a century constructing landmarks magnificent enough in their purpose and design to embody the best of the human spirit. Perhaps that's why we found so many in our ranks—field engineers, rigging specialists, telecommunications specialists, and environmental safety and health professionals—who wanted to mend the dark hole of destruction. Hundreds volunteered their time, their talents, and their money—first to the

rescue effort and then to recovery.

Among the many who were at the site within hours of the collapse were employees from our East Side Access railroad project in midtown Manhattan, a few minutes from Ground Zero. They were followed by a van full of environmental, safety, and health professionals, who drove all day from Maryland. As they drove, they heard a detailed description of the devastation by cell phone, and outlined the accident prevention plan that would later be adopted

as the guiding document for safe recovery.

Other employees flew in. From California, with equipment Bechtel helped develop to search for heartbeats in the collapsed buildings; from Andrews Air Force Base to conduct an aerial survey in search of radiation. At least in the latter case we were able to offer some reassuring news from the rubble.

Employees also rushed to offer assistance and equipment at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. One delivered a car full of hard hats for the FBI, then stayed on to donate blood. And throughout the company, from Saudi Arabia to Singapore, employees sent contributions, which were matched by a special fund set up by Bechtel Foundation.

Few who watched can ever forget the destruction of the World Trade Center. We will remember the efforts of our coworkers. As always, we are proud of our people. But never so proud as on those terrible days in September.

Getting It Right

In April, a barge positioning the center span for the Rancocas Creek railroad bridge between Riverside and Delanco, New Jersey, toppled, dumping its 725-tonne load on the creek bank. Engineers from