

OICC MCIWEST celebrated its first anniversary on August 15, 2009. During the first year our ROICC offices in Camp Pendleton, Twenty-nine Palms, Miramar, Yuma, Barstow and Bridgeport have administered over \$1.47 billion in construction projects, nearly double the workload of the previous year. The ROICCs have also grown their staffs significantly to manage the additional work. Particularly noteworthy, we have completed over 2.7 million labor hours without a lost time safety incident, conducted several 40-hour safety courses, and trained over 150 new hires in Navy and Federal safety regulations and construction management processes.

The Bush Administration launched the Grow the Force Initiative, increasing the Marine Corps' end strength by 27,000 to a total of 202,000 warriors. The Obama Administration passed the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act to bring federal money to the Nation's economic engines. The Department of Defense directed that all construction on military bases worldwide meet the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED Silver rating or better. The OICC and our ROICCs are successfully supporting these programs in meeting their objectives by enhancing the Marine Corps' strategic and tactical readiness, improving their quality of life, and improving our military's aging facilities and infrastructure in a sustainable and fiscally sound manner.

OICC MCIWEST is looking forward to another robust year with a projected \$1.6 billion worth of construction projects being awarded for bachelor enlisted quarters, child development centers, utilities systems, airfield improvements, vehicle and equipment maintenance facilities, and office buildings.