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# Bechtel Names Chris Haynes to Manage Kentucky Chemical Weapons Destruction Project

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RICHMOND, Ky. – Chris Haynes, systems contractor design-build manager for the Blue Grass Chemical Agent Destruction Pilot Plant (BGCAPP), has been named by Bechtel Defense & Space president Jan Van Prooyen to head the Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass Team following reassignment of the present project manager, Chris Midgett, to a new position at corporate headquarters.

“With the Blue Grass project still in the design phase,” said Van Prooyen, “Chris Haynes’ expertise will be invaluable as we continue to seek ways to make the design, construction and operation of the pilot plant more affordable.”

The Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass Team is under contract to the Department of Defense’s Program Manager for Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives to design, build, pilot test, systemize, operate, and close a plant to destroy a stockpile of chemical weapons containing nerve and blister agents at the Army’s Blue Grass Army Depot. The Blue Grass project is a multi-phase effort spanning a decade of work, with an estimated life-cycle cost of about \$2 billion. Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass is a joint venture of Bechtel National, Inc., of San Francisco, Calif., and Parsons Infrastructure and Technology Group, Inc., of Pasadena, Calif. The joint venture has four teaming subcontractors: Washington Demilitarization Company, Battelle Memorial Institute, General Physics, and General Atomics.

Haynes, a 27-year Bechtel veteran, has guided the project throughout the design phase since its inception, and is a registered Professional Engineer in Kentucky. Prior to his Blue Grass assignment, Haynes was the Bechtel National Construction Manager for the defense and space market sectors. Before that he worked on the design and construction of petroleum and chemical plants, power plants and mining facilities.

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Chris Midgett, the departing project manager, has more than 30 years of experience managing large projects, including chemical and nuclear facilities for government clients. He served on the Blue Grass project since contract award in June 2003. During that time, he mobilized the systems contractor team, completed the facility's intermediate design, lead the project's redesign effort, obtained the state permits necessary for construction, forged strong working relationships with stakeholders and regulators, and established a safety culture that saw the Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass team achieve a perfect safety record with more than 865 days without a lost time accident or first aid incident.

Midgett's new promotion assignment takes him to Frederick, Md., where he will be the Manager of Functions and Six Sigma deployment champion for Bechtel Systems and Infrastructure, Inc.

Haynes will assume his new duties in Kentucky on November 8th.

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