

NORTECH Environment, Energy, Health & Safety

Expanding its professional consulting services in Alaska



Left to right: Nortech partners John Hargesheimer, Jason Ginter and Peter Beardsley.

NORTECH's roots in Fairbanks go back to 1979 with the founding of Hargesheimer Engineering Associates by John Hargesheimer. From a handful of employees in 1992, the firm has seen more than two decades of steady growth in its environmental, industrial hygiene and energy efficiency services.

Today, **NORTECH** also has offices in Anchorage and Juneau and provides professional consulting services statewide. The firm has 25 employees, including civil, environmental and mechanical engineers, commissioning agents, project management professionals, certified energy auditors, industrial hygienists and safety professionals. **NORTECH** offers an array of services encompassing all project phases, from project development, assessment and planning, technical modeling and regulatory compliance through closeout and operation/maintenance. "**NORTECH** is more than just the 'environmental and hazardous materials' guys," says Principal Peter Beardsley, PE.

NORTECH serves the diversity of Alaskan industries: oil and gas, mining, construction, fabrication, utilities, health care, education and government. Long-term clients of the firm include Alaska Department of Transportation, Alaska Energy Authority, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, Alaska Railroad Corporation, BP Alaska, Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, Fairbanks North Star Borough, Kodiak Island Borough, R&M Consultants and University of Alaska. During its 37-year history, **NORTECH** has completed projects at more than 200 locations across Alaska.

POISED FOR CONTINUED GROWTH

Headquartered in Fairbanks, **NORTECH** has positioned itself for continued growth. **NORTECH** has completed energy efficiency upgrades during major remodel projects in all three offices and is expanding in the Anchorage market. The firm has doubled its Anchorage space and plans to add a commissioning agent and other staff in the near future.

NORTECH's steady pattern of growth is also marked by a new leadership group. In 2012, Beardsley and Juneau Manager and Principal Jason Ginter, PMP, expanded their stakes as minority owners of the firm. They will assume full ownership over the next two years and retain Hargesheimer, PE, CIH, CSBA, DEE, as a consultant to leverage his vast institutional knowledge. "We wanted to do an internal transfer of ownership to build upon the established brand," Beardsley says.

ENHANCING VALUE FOR CLIENTS

NORTECH takes a holistic approach to identifying clients' needs and developing suitable solutions. The firm strives to match the right professionals to each project. "We will put together a team that meets the project needs of the client," Beardsley explains.

Even if the scope is narrow, **NORTECH** views projects from a broad perspective. The company's professionals are technically capable of providing guidance in a number of key sustainable disciplines, including energy efficiency, worker safety, indoor air quality, and site and environment concerns. "We look at ourselves as a developer of sustainable projects across these disciplines," Beardsley says.

For instance, when hired for a project in any discipline, it will provide input on all disciplines in which it has expertise. In other words, **NORTECH** will evaluate the details as well as the entire project, which translates into a deeper benefit and better outcome. "We try to provide value to all our clients by looking across the broad spectrum of the project," Beardsley says.

NORTECH is committed to continue expanding its service to Alaskans. "We are poised to take the institutional knowledge that we have and expand from that foundation," Beardsley says. "We're here to facilitate our clients' success."



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