

(cont.) Q& A with Bill Williams:

Q: What has been your biggest challenge as an ERC and how did you overcome it?

A: Computers! Computers and I: it's like mixing oil and water! I keep plugging away at it though. Thanks to our INDOT District staff for being so helpful and extremely patient with me. Seriously though, every project has its challenges and you have to determine how best to overcome it, who you need to work with to overcome the situation and proceed with the steps necessary to keep the project progressing. Communication is the key.

Q: What advice would you give other ERCs?

A: Always stay in touch with your consultants and the INDOT LPA Project Managers on your project. If you have questions or problems, call them for advice. They are there to assist you and help guide you through the process. We are all working to develop the same project and when everyone works together, the process works.

Q: What are you most proud of from your time as an ERC?

A: I am proud of each and every project that we have been able to construct, no matter the size. It helps the community from a safety and economic standpoint, whether it is a bridge project that helps the school system bus routes shorten, improvements to signs for those that use our roadways, a trail for recreational use, or a road reconstruction project that allows for safer travel to all. They are all important to the part of the community that uses our projects.

We are looking for our NEXT Employee in Responsible Charge of the Quarter for July - September 2014!

How to nominate someone:

Send the following information to

LPAQuestions@indot.in.gov:

- Name of the ERC you are nominating
- Name of the agency they represent
- Length of time they have been an ERC
- Reason why you believe they should be considered INDOT's ERC of the Quarter

How they will be recognized:

We will announce our ERC of the Quarters via our GovDelivery subscription service to all of our LPA Partners and on INDOT's LPA website at: <http://www.in.gov/indot/2390.htm>. The ERC will also receive a special certificate from INDOT.

MEET INDOT'S

Employee in Responsible
Charge of the Quarter,
APRIL - JUNE 2014:

**Bill Williams, ERC,
Monroe County**



What is INDOT's ERC of the Quarter program?

We want to recognize the hard work that Employee in Responsible Charge (ERC) individuals do for each Local Public Agency (LPA) in the state.

It is important to take time to acknowledge and thank our ERCs that are asked to be the voice for the citizens in their local community.

The role of the ERC is often an extra responsibility on top of a normal full-time role, but is incredibly important to the overall success of an LPA project as well as the saving of time and money spent in the project process for the LPA they represent.

We will recognize one ERC per quarter for their outstanding results and ability in ensuring that their community's interests are understood and represented effectively throughout the development of the project process. The ERC can be nominated by any LPA or INDOT district.

A letter from Monroe County about Bill:

"Bill Williams is the Public Works Director/Highway Engineer for Monroe County Government and has been employed with Monroe County since 1978. He is a member of the Indiana Association of County Highway Engineers and Supervisors and the National Association of County Engineers. Bill has been honored with the 2007 Indiana Association of County Commissioners Engineer of the Year Award, the 2009 Association of Indiana Counties Engineer of the Year Award, and the 2011 Bloomington Chamber of Commerce Visionary Award. Bill is innovative, conscientious, efficient, and has earned the admiration and respect of his peers and our entire community. We are extremely proud to have him on our team in Monroe County."

– Patrick Stoffers, President, Monroe County Board of Commissioners

A letter from the Bill's INDOT LPA District:

"Bill has been the County Engineer for many years at Monroe County and has served as the ERC since INDOT initiated the requirement. Bill is always proactive when monitoring a project's schedule and finances. He promptly submits quarterly reports and is aware of every detail on each of the projects he oversees. Bill's ability to recognize potential flaws or errors and work well with all parties involved makes him a highly effective ERC. On top of his effectiveness in role, Bill is also known as very knowledgeable and more than willing to help others. He is always friendly, welcoming and would be a very good mentor for new ERCs."

– The INDOT Seymour District LPA team

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Q: How long have you been an Employee in Responsible Charge for Monroe County?

A: Since the beginning of the ERC program.

Q: In how many projects have you acted as the ERC?

A: Over 20 projects, including road, bridge, trail & bridge inspections. Overall, I've been responsible for many more federally assisted projects, coordinating with Stan Yoder, Steve Dilk & Bruno Canzian, of the Local Assistance Program.

Q: What roles/experience did you have prior to being selected as an ERC?

A: Since joining Monroe County in 1978, I began working on construction projects with federal assistance. Then when appointed to my current position, I have worked with INDOT's LPA program since 1982 developing projects. There have been a lot of changes, mostly for the best, in the LPA program.

Q: What do you like about being an ERC?

A: At the County level funds are extremely tight and it is imperative that the limited funds we receive are put to good use. That can be challenging at times. I appreciate working with our elected officials, INDOT, coordinating with economic development leaders and the public in order to make the needed improvements for our community

Q: What are three things you do to ensure the success of an LPA project?

- A:** 1. Select a good team (consultant and local support staff) to help with project development.
2. Stay in touch with the team regularly in order to know how the project is progressing.
3. Coordinate all activities through INDOT so they are aware of how the project is developing.

