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Galveston District honors Employee, Engineer of the Year

The Galveston District Army Corps of Engineers honored its Employee of the Year and Engineer of the Year at a ceremony recently.

Rick Villagomez, Project Manager, Programs and Project Management Division, is the Employee of the Year, and Mark McMahon, Structural Engineer, Engineering and Construction Division, is the Engineer of the Year.

Villagomez has been a Corps of Engineers employee for 20 years. He is currently the Program Manger overseeing the construction of the Border Security Fence on the Texas border in the Del Rio and Rio Grande Valley sectors, and is considered a national leader in that effort.



Rick Villagomez

He has also been project manager for Sims and Brays Bayous and Raymondville Dam.

His efforts with the Border Fence Project have been lauded by senior leaders in the Corps of Engineers and the Department of Homeland Security.

McMahon, a Galveston District employee since 1994, is involved in the overall design and analysis of steel, concrete and wood structures and foundation systems of coastal and inland civil works and military projects. Among his many projects, McMahon was the lead structural engineer on the Wallisville Reservoir Texas Lock Rehabilitation Project, and has been responsible for the analysis and design of various drainage type structures including Channel to Victoria, Channel to Seadrift, Texas,

Corpus Christi Ship Channel, and Galveston Harbor. He is also responsible for the analysis and design of various docks, including Fort Point Reservation in Galveston, Brazos River Floodgates, Sabine Neches Waterway, Neches River Saltwater Barrier, and Colorado River Locks.



Mark McMahon