

Ask Andy Video Series: Video 2 | June 3, 2020

“Incredible People Doing Amazing Things”

Hi, I'm Andy Green president of HII's Technical Solutions division.

I've said it before in previous videos, and I'll say it again, you as the TSD team have done just an incredible job of continuing to support our customer missions, and to support the national security of this country, getting work done, despite all the disruption that's caused by this COVID-19 crisis.

And so today, we've got a few examples across the division of some really neat things that people are doing during this crisis, to support their communities, to support the customer to get the mission done—the creativity and the ingenuity from our employees has been nothing short of amazing and I think you'll be impressed as well.

Frazer Lockhart, Manager, Regulatory and Stakeholder Interface Program

To respond to the COVID-19 crisis in our region, N3B established the nonprofit, emergency response fund under the Los Alamos Community Foundation.

The northern New Mexico region is home to dozens of small nonprofits that serve the unique Native American and Hispanic needs in the area. The emergency funds will help these small and very small nonprofits continue their missions during this difficult time.

Alison Smith, Vice President of Field Services, UniversalPegasus

Here at UPI we've been striving to support our employees through not only the physical, but also the mental challenges associated with sheltering in place during the COVID pandemic. We're calling on our employees to be each other's support system. Each week we're asking everyone to submit their tips and tricks for homeschooling, working remotely, maintaining their exercise routines, and just an overall survival guide for how to get through these uncharted waters. They've rallied and we'll come through COVID stronger than ever.

Michael Eades, Training Representative

I have a few 3-D printers at home, and I was thinking about how they could be used to help with the current COVID-19 pandemic. Quick search online, I realized that the whole 3-D printing community has responded to the PPE shortage by creating face shields that have been clinically tested and approved by the National Institute of Health. Here at Netcenter, we have several large 3-D printers purchased by HII and our own Navy customer PMS 378L. Two weeks later and we now have a task for the face shields to be distributed to medical facilities as needed.

Jeffrey Trosse, Logistics Management Analyst

What we found out is that our relationships and flexibility have been the most important aspect of our mission recently. When our normal for routes of operation have been hindered, we've been able to reach out to people we have worked with in the past to assist us, giving us access to routes that we normally wouldn't have. And, in a time where staying apart is crucial, it has never been more clear how important intercompany relations are in the greater scheme of the mission. Thanks to our partners combined with the flexibility of our team, we have been able to use alternate routes to include last minute trips guaranteeing that our material makes it to warfighters all around the world. We understand that the mission does not stop, even when everything else does.

Steve Brodet, Applications Engineer

As you can see, we're here daily, building, testing and integrating our family of REMUS unmanned underwater vehicles that bring quality products to our U.S. government and commercial customers.

Frazer Lockhart

I'm proud that along with cleaning up the natural environment in New Mexico, my N3B role also allows me to improve the community environment as well.

Alison Smith

Working for Technical Solutions during this time has brought comfort our employees, because we know that this pandemic is being taken seriously starting at the top. It's clear that the health and wellbeing of our employees and our families is of the utmost importance.

Michael Eades

I feel very fortunate to work for a company that has the capability to adapt to the challenges presented by the global pandemic.

Jeffrey Trosse

Working for HII has been a blessing for me, I just recently retired, out of the army, last year. I still feel part of the military team because I'm supporting the men and women of our fighting force by ensuring that they get the equipment that they need to conduct the mission to keep us safe here at home.

Steve Brodet

We're just here hoping that you're healthy and safe during this pandemic. We've had to overcome some issues with the social distancing and limited resources here, but we're still here every day, making sure we build quality robots for the Unmanned Systems group.

Andy Green

In my nine years at HII, nothing has made me prouder than to be a part of this group of incredible people accomplishing amazing things, especially during this COVID-19 crisis. Like I said before, it's created a lot of disruption and a lot of hardship for folks, and it really is a testament to the professionalism and dedication of our workforce that people continue to not only do what they normally do on a day-to-day basis, but to really go above and beyond to help out their communities and to help out their customers and to help each other out.

So, let me say that I'm extremely proud to be a part of the TSD organization and encourage you to continue to do what you can to help each other out to get us through this crisis, and I have no doubt, we're going to emerge stronger as we come out of this crisis.

Second thing I wanted to talk about was to turn toward posture. Right now, even though we have some phase one reopenings going on, we are still maintaining a maximum telework posture.

For those people who can't telework, we're making sure that we have all the appropriate precautions in place, and I ask that you observe all appropriate precautions around social distancing and mask and hygiene and so forth.

And everybody who is teleworking, we're encouraging you to continue to telework and even though we may have the ability to go back into the office during these initial reopenings, our posture as a division right now is to maximize the number of people that telework so.

I encourage you if you have any questions about going back to the office if you hear that your locality or your state has opened up and you don't know if you're supposed to go back in the office or not, please contact your supervisor, and they'll certainly let you know what the right answer is.

So let me close by saying thank you for everything that you're doing to help us get through this crisis. Please stay in touch with your supervisor. Take advantage of the resources that we have. Share your stories, and together we're going to get through this. Thanks again.