POWER TEAMS TO WIN

As part of its plan to pursue additional opportunities in the environmental services industry, POWER has acquired BHE Environmental, a 45-person firm headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio, with offices in Akron, Ohio, and Knoxville, Tennessee. BHE brings shale gas experience and expertise that allows POWER to expand its offerings in the oil and natural gas industries.

BHE’s services and locations position them well in the exploration and mid-stream sectors of the gas industry (as well as broader energy sectors such as oil, electric transmission and renewables, and manufacturing and municipal market sectors). POWER’s current efforts are focused on the downstream sector. So together, the combined BHE/POWER team can now serve the entire footprint of the natural gas industry.

“With BHE, POWER now offers a substantially expanded level of environmental service to both companies’ existing clients in the electric and gas industries as well as facilities, manufacturing and a strong municipal market regionally in storm water management,” says Executive Vice President Bill Eisinger.

Green experts. Reds fans.
It was major league baseball’s opening day in 1988 when John Bruck and a few other diehard Reds fans skipped the game and opened the doors of BHE Environmental. The company started by providing programmatic and project-level compliance and site assessment consulting for manufacturing companies and steel producers along the Ohio River. Rapid growth during their first five years earned them #98 on the Inc. 500 list for 1992.

Continued success brought John’s brother Lou to help as project manager and eventually executive vice president. When one of Lou’s clients awarded BHE the initial siting and construction monitoring for a nine-mile gas line, the company quickly realized it needed capabilities in FERC regulatory compliance and natural resources management. So, BHE partnered with 3D/International to successfully execute the project and in 1998, acquired 3D’s environmental group in Knoxville led by Karen Tyrell, Ph.D.

Today, BHE provides remedial management, environmental engineering, GIS, site assessment, permitting and compliance, land-use planning, industrial hygiene and safety, and overall natural resources management (including threatened and endangered species and wetlands). They have completed projects in 46 of the 48 contiguous states (all except Nevada and Vermont).

In 2013, BHE opened its Akron office to meet its clients’ demands in the Utica shale gas world. “We’re all very excited to join POWER,” says Bruck. “Our firm is a great fit with POWER’s culture and organization, from how we approach the market to the kinds of projects that we want to execute.

Three new locations
The Cincinnati office is located in the Springdale neighborhood, just 20 miles north of downtown. Baseball fans will love the autographed Pete Rose jersey hanging in the conference room.

Drive four hours north of Cincinnati and you’ll arrive in the Akron office located downtown in the historic United Building complete with the original United Cigar Store Company humidor on the first floor. The Knoxville office is just four hours south of Cincinnati and home to several key staff in the natural resources management group.

You’re invited to stop by all three offices and meet the newest members of POWER Engineers! ☛

Hit King. Limited edition, autographed Pete Rose jersey on display in the Cincinnati office’s Rose conference room.