

# Kelly's Corner

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## Office of Science Intern Program

In March 2013, the Office of Science (SC) launched its first corporate approach to student recruitment through the Office of Personnel Management's Pathways Program. Separate vacancy announcements were posted for summer student interns and interns on an on-going basis, which is similar to a cooperative education program. The Human Resources Division provided all of the requesting site offices with selection certificates, and most of the summer interns have started their jobs. While ORO is not utilizing summer interns, we have been allocated five on-going student interns, formally known as Co-ops. We will bring these students on board in the coming months, and I look forward to adding them to the ORO family.

## DOE Earth Day 2013 Photo Contest

ORO employee, Gary Hartman, won the Energy Efficiency category in DOE's 2013 Earth Day Photo Contest.

The five winning photos were converted to a poster and displayed at the Forrestal and Germantown observances of Earth Day.

The winner photographers received plaques from Glenn S. Podonsky (HSS-1). Gary's winning photo focused on a historic water wheel at the Cade's Cove gristmill in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Congratulations Gary!

## Federal Building Update

You'll recall from previous communications that we are concerned about the condition of the spaces above the ceiling tiles on the ground through third floors of the federal building. Specifically, our position is that the required work in those spaces had not been performed to an acceptable standard. On Thursday, GSA regional headquarters in Atlanta accepted our suggestion to let

ORO oversee the completion of this work, which is very good news. We will move very quickly to get a contract in place and begin the work as soon as possible. I thank you again for your patience, understanding and support of my efforts to ensure that we return to a safe and healthy environment. I will keep you posted about the progress in future Kelly's Corners.

## Bethany Belice represents FEW at Federal Women's Leadership Summit

In recognition of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the enactment of the Equal Pay Act, the National Equal Pay Enforcement Task Force, in collaboration with the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the U.S. Department of Labor, and the U.S. Department of Justice held the Federal Women's Leadership Summit at the South Court Auditorium of the White House on June 5, 2013. Bethany Belice of the Financial Evaluation and Accountability Division represented the local FEW Chapter at the White House summit. The summit, which has taken place the last few years, seeks to empower women to confidently pursue the knowledge, skills and relationships they will need to develop and mature as successful federal leaders. It also provides a forum for women who have achieved leadership and executive stature in federal service to give back to those who aspire to higher positions through mentoring, role-modeling, networking and advocacy roles. The summit encompassed a robust agenda, which included a panel discussion, guest speakers and networking opportunities for women in the GS-09 to GS-15 levels.