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Q. How did you become interested in engineering?

A. Civil engineering dates back to the pyramids. I grew up in Kuwait in the late '70s where the demand for civil engineers was booming. I wanted to contribute to the betterment of the community I lived in and be part of a historic, fascinating and rewarding field.

Q. What aspect of engineering are you focused on at IDOT?

A. Our projects at IDOT involve the planning, design, construction and maintenance of miles of roadways, highways, structures and other transportation facilities throughout the state.

Q. Favorite part of the job?

A. No two projects are ever the same. Because of the diverse nature of IDOT projects, you will always have opportunities to learn new things. Dealing with hundreds of projects of all sizes that impact everyday life is challenging yet rewarding.

Q. What do you do in a typical day?

A. My typical day involves several meetings with my colleagues and staff regarding important issues that require me to provide good, economical and safe direction. The best solutions to complex problems require close collaboration and clear communication.

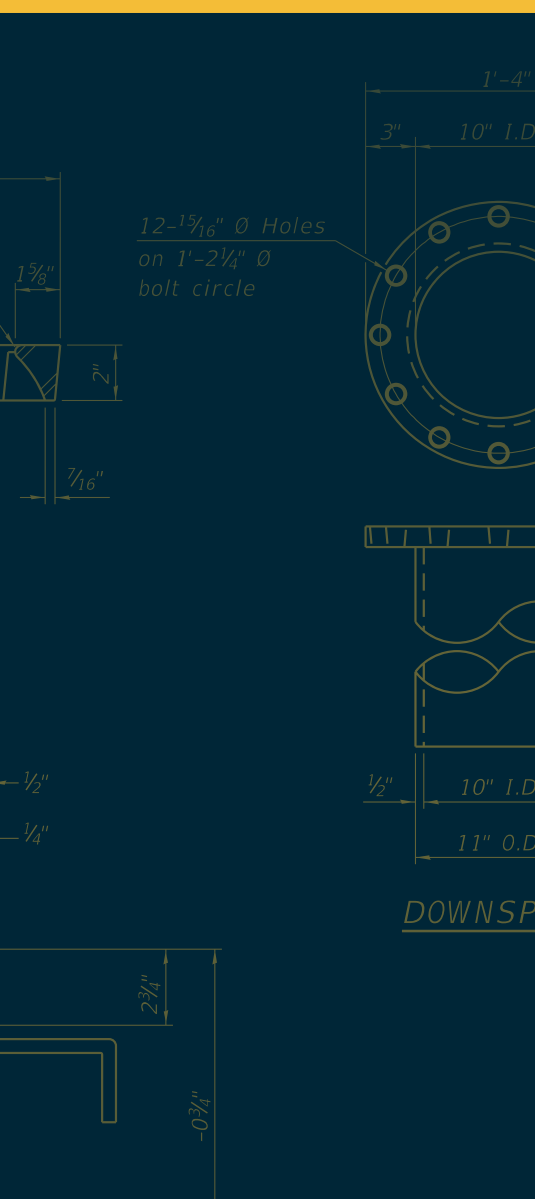
Q. How much does teamwork play a role in your day-to-day activities?

A. I believe that teamwork is a key ingredient of a successful career in engineering. Every day, we collaborate diligently to ensure that IDOT's mission is adhered to. All the areas at IDOT play an important and integral part of any projects we are involved in.

Q. One thing you'd like the public to know about the work of an IDOT engineer?

A. IDOT is one of the leading highway agencies in the country in innovation and technology. We strive to ensure projects are delivered in a safe manner, on budget and with the least amount of inconvenience to the public. I'm constantly impressed by the knowledge and professionalism that IDOT staff displays while improving the public's quality of life.

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