

October 2006 Employee of the Month

Janet Starnes – Lead Project Manager – CERP

Janet has been the face of the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) in Southwest Florida for over five years. She has coordinated and managed six key CERP projects, two of which are now being designed and constructed by CERP Acceler8 initiative. Three of those projects on which she coordinates activities are critical CERP Projects:

Southern CREW,
Tamiami Trail Culverts, and
Lake Trafford Restoration

She is the project manager for three major CERP projects:

The Southwest Florida Feasibility Study
Picayune Strand Restoration, and
The C-43 West Reservoir on the Caloosahatchee River.

These project costs will total over \$1 billion.

Both the C-43 Reservoir project and Picayune Strand Restoration project are Acceler8 projects, which add to the complexity of communications and coordination between the planning phase team and the construction & design team for the project.

Janet has done an incredible job coordinating the multi-disciplinary, multi-agency teams that are currently planning and designing projects and managed to do this at a distance from supervisors, peers, and support staff in West Palm Beach and without any other dedicated CERP staff at the Lower West Coast Service Center in Fort Meyers.