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**St. Louis Native Named to Top Civilian Post  
at Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District**

St. Louis, MO – Joseph R. Kellett has been announced as the new senior civilian, as Deputy District Engineer for Planning, Programs and Project Management for the St. Louis District of the Army Corps of Engineers. Kellett, who will work at District Headquarters in downtown St. Louis, is a St. Louis native and a graduate of the University of Missouri, Rolla, where he was awarded degrees in civil engineering and engineering management.

Kellett is returning to the St. Louis District from assignment as the Acting Chief of Project Management with the Corps' Rock Island District in Rock Island, IL. Here he will oversee District projects from their inception and study phases through construction completion, ensuring that concerns of all interested parties receive proper consideration throughout the process, including the final customer who will operate and maintain the completed project.

His selection marks the third time he has served in the St. Louis District. He began there in 1980 as a civil engineer and in 1985 was assigned to the field office for design and construction of the Melvin Price Lock and Dam.

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Following a period of employment with a civilian engineering firm, Kellett again returned to the Corps of Engineers in 1987 when he accepted a three year assignment to Nuremberg, Germany with the Corps' European Division.

He came back to the St. Louis District in 1990, working in the construction and project management divisions there.

In 1995 he moved north to the Rock Island District where he served first as Chief, Contract Administration Branch and subsequently as Chief of Construction before he was promoted to his current position.

Kellett is a registered professional engineer in Missouri and a member of the Chi Epsilon Engineering Honor Fraternity, the Society of American Military Engineers and the American Society of Civil Engineers. He has been honored with numerous awards including the Achievement Award for Civil Service, the Commanders Award for Civil Service and the Liberty Bell Award.