

## TERO Worker of the Month April 2023



**Dakota Rock**

**Name:** Dakota Rock  
**Employer:** Suulutaaq  
**Position:** Journeyman operator  
 Dakota Rock joined the TERO team almost six years ago and has continually grown and learned many new skills since the day he was referred to one of our Oregon Department of Transportation heavy highway construction projects.

Dakota started as a general laborer back in 2017 for Gage It Construction and since has learned many new trades, such as traffic control, pipe laying and building MSE walls. His newest trade is excavation and GPS grade checks.

Recently, Dakota joined the 701 Operators Union as a journeyman operator. He is currently dispatched to the I-205 Abernathy Project in Oregon City. He has been a key employee on the many ODOT projects he has been referred to and has earned the April TERO Worker of the Month award.

Dakota said that TERO has helped him and is the reason he got into the heavy highway construction trades. He said TERO has given him the opportunity to join the 701 Operators Union with plenty of support and guidance along the way. He also said that TERO is a great way to get into the construction trades and make an above average livable wage.

Great job, Dakota, TERO is proud to have you represent our program.

**For more information on the TERO Skills Bank and any other TERO opportunities, contact the TERO office or the TERO director.  
 TERO Office: 503-879-1488 or [tero@grandronde.org](mailto:tero@grandronde.org)**

## TERO Indian Owned Business Spotlight

Grand Ronde TERO maintains a list of certified Indian Owned Businesses (IOBs) that contract or supply materials, goods, services or art. Through the IOB program, TERO provides consulting, connection to resources, business scaling, endorsements and more.

One of the current IOBs registered with Grand Ronde TERO is Eugene William Construction and Eugene William Asphalt.

**Year Business Started:** 2018 and 2022, respectively

**Location of Business and Location Served:** Eugene William Construction and Eugene William Asphalt have their main office and equipment yard located along the Clackamas River in Carver and also have an office in Salem. Currently, most of their construction work takes place in the Portland area.

**What Your Business Performs:** Eugene William Construction is a small, civil construction contracting company that specializes in underground utilities such as storm water drains, water main and sanitary sewer. Eugene William Asphalt is a freight contracting company that hauls asphalt oil from refinery to mixing plant.

**How You Got Started:** Eugene William Construction is the product of Tribal members Kelly Eugene Ibabao and Martin William Wedeking. They have decades of experience in the construction industry. The company has performed for several city of Portland and TriMet contracts. Eugene William Asphalt is the tangent Kelly and Martin founded from the outreach of McCall Companies' search for asphalt oil haulers. Kelly and Martin are very familiar with the paving side of construction and have since established a promising business relationship.

**How Has Grand Ronde TERO Helped?** Grand Ronde TERO has assisted our business in various ways. TERO has helped us in supplying Tribal members to our workforce as well as assisting in consulting with various outside departments to provide additional contracts and minority business opportunities.



**Eugene William Construction**

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- Provide business training
- Work with partners integrating Western science practices
- Help interns form microenterprises

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- Ages 8-10: Launchpad
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