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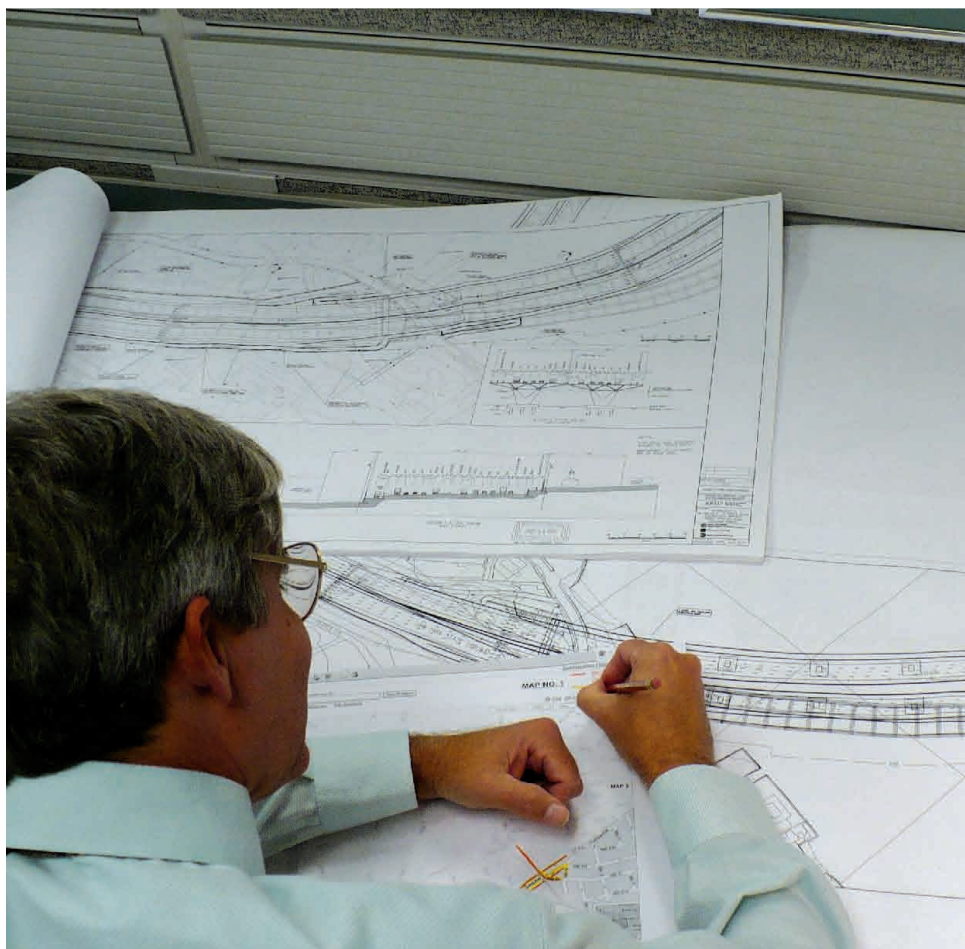


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Memo to all the local bosses not mentioned in this article: Sorry. No doubt you're doing your best to keep morale high and profits higher. It's just, see, these companies are doing a better job of it. We're sure you offer great health plans and time off, but did you ever think of starting a Pilates class, or letting employees work in the organic gardens of Germany? Seriously. If you're not ready to shred those TPS reports and deposit the red tape in the nearest garbage receptacle, we can't help you. But if you're willing to work with us, we have ideas. Lots of them. Wine-tastings, interoffice Xbox, and on-site day care, for starters. Yes, they might sound a little extreme, but they also get results. Bottom line: If you see your employees polishing their résumés after reading this, don't say we didn't warn you.



MCLAREN ENGINEERING GROUP WEST NYACK

Engineering may not sound like a glamour job. But picture being the brains behind the touring stages for the Rolling Stones and Red Hot Chili Peppers. Or creator of sets for the Super Bowl halftime show and Cirque du Soleil KÁ. Or the visionary who designed the largest floating ferry-terminal in the world (currently under construction in Battery Park). Or the mastermind behind the Brooklyn Navy Yard revitalization. You get the idea. Between the seven divisions at McLaren (structural, marine, bridge, forensics, entertainment, waterborne transport, and land development), the projects aren't just big—they're the very definition of glamorous. Beyond pure job satisfaction, though, the 100 employees at McLaren also get "the best health, dental, and vision in the industry," says Bill McCarthy, director of business development. The West Nyack company prides itself on offering on-the-job training, including professional certification and engineer licensing. Taking mentoring and outreach to a whole new level, McLaren annually holds an engineering expo at Tappan Zee High School. The kids may be skeptical at first, but when they see photos of engineers in scuba gear, inspecting bridges from underwater—well, that's just plain cool (100 Snake Hill Rd.; West Nyack; 353-6400; mgmclaren.com).