

# Drilling for Growth

MALCOLM DRILLING IS ONE OF THE PREMIER SPECIALTY CONTRACTORS IN THE INDUSTRY. BY LUKE GILLESPIE



» Malcolm Drilling says founder John Malcolm studies the worldwide construction industry to learn about new techniques and equipment. As a result, the company has been able to take on some of the industry's most difficult jobs.



In 1962, John Malcolm founded Malcolm Drilling Co. Inc. with a single rubber-tired drill rig. The company has grown from that one rig to an entire fleet, including limited-access and large capacity drills, jet grouting, deep soil mixing and Omega displacement pile rigs. In addition, the company says it has the largest fleet of rotators, oscillators and top-drive drill rigs in North America.

Headquartered in San Francisco, Malcolm Drilling was recently ranked the third-largest company in foundation drilling and excavation by *Engineering News-Record*, which also ranked the company No. 84 for the top 600 specialty contractors across the country. Alan Rasband, vice president and district manager for the Northwest district, credits John Malcolm's continued involvement for the growth of the company.

"Mr. Malcolm has been on the leading-edge of technology and adopting new technology throughout his career," Rasband says. "Consider how in '62, he had only a small truck drill and has now grown to more than \$100 million worth of foundation equipment. It's quite a story."

The company says Malcolm focuses on studying the industry for insight into new techniques and equipment. "In developing this insight, Malcolm has been on the leading-edge of designing new equipment and in adopting different techniques of drilling that have enabled his company to complete some of the most difficult foundation and earth support projects undertaken in the industry," it says.

The company adds that Malcolm stays up to date on the techniques and equipment employed in the European and Asian markets, and often brings these ideas and equipment to the United States. "Malcolm Drilling will soon have a 12-foot diameter oscillator and a Bauer drill rig that will represent the two largest pieces of equipment in their category in the world," Rasband notes.

## Shoring City Creek

The office for Malcolm Drilling's Northwest district is located 10 miles outside of Seattle in Kent, Wash., and was established in 1986. Rasband says the office continues to have suc-