

Former Columbus resident fights for chance to clean up oil in Gulf

There's still oil in the Gulf of Mexico and along its shores and Todd McDowell wants a chance to help clean it up.

Todd, a 1988 graduate of Pacelli High School and co-founder of an environmental health and safety compliance company, is aligning his company with three others to bring a product online that can clean the gulf's waters and shores of oil.

Todd's company, Alpha-Omega Training and Compliance, Inc. is working with G&C Ambient-petrol V, Inc., InBusiness, Inc. and Tri-Tech Analytical Laboratories, Inc. to demonstrate to the federal government and BP that they have a product that will eliminate oil and leave no residual products on treated soil and water.

"There are other products available that can remediate the oil spill, but probably none that are as earth-friendly as ours," Todd said. "We're just looking for the chance to show what we can do."

The company is one of 330 finalists (from 115,000 applicants) that BP and government agencies have selected for review.

The product, Bro-Plus™, uses a high concentration of non-pathogens, bacteria, enzymes and nutrients in a trademark-protected formula that accelerates the bioremediation process, activating natural microorganisms present in contaminated sites.

The product has been used successfully internationally in oil pits and



Contributed by Richard McDowell

Todd McDowell, co-founder of Alpha-Omega Training and Compliance, Inc. holds two vials, one with oil, and the other with water that was oil, but was treated with a product that his company, along with three others, are trying to demonstrate will safely rid the Gulf waters and shorelines of hydrocarbons. BP and the federal government are currently looking at their product.

spills, for industrial applications, municipal water, drilling operations and in fresh and salty water to clean sites contaminated with hydrocarbons.

Specific usages include degrading metals, cleaning oil and grease from vegetable oil byproducts, cleaning tanks and tools contaminated with hydrocarbons as well as decontaminating garbage trucks and installations.

Todd, whose company deals with environmental safety and health, said they are looking forward to an opportunity to apply the product to the Gulf, but adds that it can be used just about anywhere there are hydrocarbon pollutants.

The former Columbus resident took a round-about way to getting where he is.

After high school, he spent six years in the U.S. Coast Guard, then attended the Culinary Arts Institute in Atlanta with an eye on becoming a chef. While serving in various food-related positions, he attended Georgia State University, earning a degree in business.

As a manager of food services, Todd became involved in safety and training for his employees. This led to a position with an environmental health and safety compliance company. After working for that company, he decided he could do a bet-

ter job on his own, while offering his clients more competitive rates. He and company co-founder Brian Barrett incorporated Alpha-Omega Training and Compliance in February 2009.

Since that time his company has serviced major industrial companies, municipal, state and federal agencies throughout the U.S. and Latin America.

Todd is married to Jennifer Hoskins McDowell. They have three children and reside in Rockledge, Fla.

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