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AMREP CORPORATION

(An Oklahoma corporation)

NOTICE OF 2010 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

September 13, 2010

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders of AMREP Corporation (the "Company") will be held at the Conference Center at Normandy Farm, Route 202 and Morris Road, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania on September 13, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. for the following purposes:

- (1) To elect two directors in Class II to hold office until the 2013 Annual Meeting and until their successors are elected and qualified; and
- (2) To consider and act upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

In accordance with the By-Laws, the Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on July 30, 2010 as the record date for the determination of shareholders of the Company entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting and any continuation or adjournment thereof. The list of such shareholders will be available for inspection by shareholders during the ten days prior to the meeting at the offices of the Company, 300 Alexander Park, Suite 204, Princeton, New Jersey.

Whether or not you expect to be present at the meeting, please mark, date and sign the enclosed proxy and return it to the Company in the self-addressed envelope enclosed for that purpose. The proxy is revocable and will not affect your right to vote in person in the event you attend the meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Irving Needleman, Secretary

Dated: August 17, 2010

Princeton, New Jersey

The Proxy Statement and Annual Report to Shareholders are available at http://www.cfpproxy.com/6674

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Upon the written request of any shareholder of the Company, the Company will provide to such shareholder a copy of the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2010, including the financial statements and the schedules thereto, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Any request should be directed to Irving Needleman, Secretary, AMREP Corporation, 300 Alexander Park, Suite 204, Princeton, New Jersey 08540. There will be no charge for such report unless one or more exhibits thereto are requested, in which case the Company's reasonable expenses of furnishing exhibits may be charged.

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AMREP CORPORATION
300 Alexander Park, Suite 204
Princeton, New Jersey 08540
PROXY STATEMENT

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To be Held at 9:00 A.M. on September 13, 2010

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors (the "Board") of AMREP Corporation (the "Company") for use at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Company to be held on September 13, 2010, and at any continuation or adjournment thereof (the "Annual Meeting"). The Annual Meeting will be held at the Conference Center at Normandy Farm located at Route 202 and Morris Road, Blue Bell, Pennsylvania.

The Annual Report of the Company on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2010 filed on July 21, 2010 with the Securities and Exchange Commission is included in this mailing but does not constitute a part of the proxy solicitation material. This Proxy Statement and the accompanying Notice of 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and proxy card are first being sent to shareholders on or about August 17, 2010.

Information Concerning the Annual Meeting

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What will be voted on at the Annual Meeting?

At the Annual Meeting, shareholders will vote on the election of two nominees to serve on the Board.

How does the Board recommend I vote on the proposal?

The Board recommends that you vote "FOR" each of the two nominees named in this Proxy Statement.

Who is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting?

Only shareholders of record as of the close of business on July 30, 2010, the date fixed by the Board in accordance with the Company's By-Laws, are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting.

If I have given a proxy, how do I revoke that proxy?

Anyone giving a proxy may revoke it at any time before it is exercised by giving the Secretary of the Company written notice of the revocation, by submitting a proxy bearing a later date or by attending the Annual Meeting and voting.

How will my proxy be voted?

All properly executed, unrevoked proxies in the enclosed form that are received in time will be voted in accordance with the shareholders' directions and, unless contrary directions are given, will be voted for the election as directors of the nominees named in this Proxy Statement.

How many votes are needed to elect directors?

The two nominees receiving the highest number of "FOR" votes will be elected as directors. This is referred to as a plurality.

What if a nominee is unwilling or unable to serve?

This is not expected to occur but, in the event that it does, proxies will be voted for a substitute nominee designated by the Board or, in the discretion of the Board, the position may be left vacant.

How will abstentions and broker non-votes affect the voting?

Abstentions and broker non-votes have no effect on the voting for election of directors. Under the rules that govern brokers, uncontested elections of directors had previously been considered routine matters, and brokers or nominees who held stock in "street name" could vote the shares without instructions from their clients. These rules, however, were recently amended, and consequently, if a customer or account holder does not instruct the broker or nominee on how to vote in the uncontested director election a broker non-vote will occur. If you hold your shares in "street name," you must cast your vote or instruct your nominee or broker if you want your vote to count in the election of directors.

How many shares can be voted at the Annual Meeting?

As of July 30, 2010, the Company had issued and outstanding 5,996,212 shares of Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share. Each share of Common Stock is entitled to one vote on matters to come before the Annual Meeting.

How many votes will I be entitled to cast at the Annual Meeting?

You will be entitled to cast one vote for each share of Common Stock you held at the close of business on July 30, 2010, the record date for the Annual Meeting, as shown on the list of shareholders at that date prepared by the Company's transfer agent for the Common Stock.

What is a "quorum?"

The presence, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Company authorized to vote will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting. Abstentions and broker non-votes will be counted in determining whether a quorum is present at the Annual Meeting.

Who may attend the Annual Meeting?

All shareholders of the Company who owned shares of record at the close of business on July 30, 2010 may attend the Annual Meeting. If you want to vote in person and you hold Common Stock in street name (i.e., your shares are held in the name of a brokerage firm, bank or other nominee), you must obtain a proxy card issued in your name from the firm that holds your shares and bring that proxy card to the Annual Meeting, together with a copy of a statement from that firm reflecting your share ownership as of the record date and valid identification. If you hold your shares in street name and want to attend the Annual Meeting but not vote in person, you must bring to the Annual Meeting a copy of a statement from the firm that holds your shares reflecting your share ownership as of the record date and valid identification.

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COMMON STOCK OWNERSHIP OF

CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

Set forth in the following table is information concerning the ownership of the Common Stock of the Company by the persons who, to the knowledge of the Company, own beneficially more than 5% of the outstanding shares. The table also sets forth the same information concerning beneficial ownership for each director of the Company, the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table on page 12 and all directors and executive officers of the Company as a group. Unless otherwise indicated, (i) reported ownership is as of July 30, 2010, and (ii) the Company understands that the beneficial owners have sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares beneficially owned by them. In the case of directors and executive officers, the information below has been provided by such persons at the request of the Company.

Beneficial Owner	Shares Owned Beneficially	% of Class(a)
Nicholas G. Karabots (Director) P.O. Box 736 Fort Washington, PA 19034	3,574,106 (2)	59.6
Albert V. Russo (Director) Lena Russo, Clifton Russo, Lawrence Russo c/o American Simlex Company 401 Broadway New York, NY 10013	1,117,040 (3)	18.6
Robert E. Robotti, et al (4)	361,586(4)	6.0 (4)
Other Directors and Executive Officers		
Edward B. Cloues, II	2,500	*
Lonnie A. Coombs	3,500	*
Michael P. Duloc	2,500 (5)	*
John F. Meneough Irving Needleman Peter M. Pizza Samuel N. Seidman James Wall Jonathan B. Weller	- - 14,000 3,057 (6) 1,500	- - * *
Directors and Executive Officers as a Group (11 persons)	4,718,203 (2),(3),(5),(6)	78.7

- (1) The shareholdings include 500 shares for each of Messrs. Coombs, Karabots, Russo and Seidman that such persons have the right to acquire pursuant to options, all of which are presently exercisable, issued under the Company's Non-Employee Directors Option Plan, which was terminated in 2005.
- (2) Includes 481,728 shares owned by The Karabots Foundation, a private non-profit corporation founded by Mr. Karabots and of which he is the President, Foundation Manager and one of two directors. Mr. Karabots disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares owned by The Karabots Foundation.

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^{*} Indicates less than 1%.

- (3) Albert V. Russo, Lena Russo, Clifton Russo and Lawrence Russo have reported that they share voting power as to these shares and that each of them has sole dispositive power as to the following numbers of such shares representing the indicated percentages of the outstanding Common Stock: Albert V. Russo 664,241 (11.1%); Lena Russo 33,740 (0.6%); Clifton Russo 237,617 (4.0%); and Lawrence Russo 181,442 (3.0%).
- (4) The following table sets forth information regarding the beneficial ownership of Common Stock of the Company by Robert E. Robotti, Robotti & Company, Incorporated ("R&CoI"), Robotti & Company, LLC ("R&CoL") and Robotti & Company Advisors, LLC ("R&CoA"), all of 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York, NY 10017, Kenneth R. Wasiak of 515 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022 and Ravenswood Management Company, L.L.C. ("RMC"), The Ravenswood Investment Company, L.P. ("RIC") and Ravenswood Investments III, L.P., ("RI"), all of 104 Gloucester Road, Massapequa, NY 11758. The information in the table is derived from a Schedule 13D filed jointly by these persons with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 26, 2007.

	Shares	% of
Beneficial Owner	Owned Beneficially	Class (a)
Robert E. Robotti (b),(c),(d),(e)	361,586	6.0
R&CoI (b),(c)	176,386	2.9
R&CoL (b)	6,200	*
R&CoA (c)	170,186	2.8
Kenneth R. Wasiak (d),(e)	185,200	3.1
RMC(d),(e)	185,200	3.1
RIC (d)	130,378	2.2
RI (e)	54,822	*

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Indicates less than 1%.

- (a) Based upon the number of issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock at July 30, 2010.
- (b) Each of Mr. Robotti and R&CoI share with R&CoL the power to vote or to direct the vote, and share the power to dispose or to direct the disposition, of 6,200 shares of Common Stock owned by the discretionary customers of R&CoL.
- (c) Each of Mr. Robotti and R&CoI share with R&CoA the power to vote or to direct the vote, and share the power to dispose or to direct the disposition, of 170,186 shares of Common Stock owned by the advisory clients of R&CoA.
- (d) Each of Messrs. Robotti and Wasiak and RMC share with RIC the power to vote or to direct the vote, and share the power to dispose or to direct the disposition, of 130,378 shares of Common Stock owned by RIC.
- (e) Each of Messrs. Robotti and Wasiak and RMC share with RI the power to vote or to direct the vote, and share the power to dispose or to direct the disposition, of 54,822 shares of Common Stock owned by RI. In an institutional investment manager's report on Form 13F filed by Mr. Robotti with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 18, 2010, he reported that at March 31, 2010, he had sole investment discretion and voting authority over 408,205 shares of Common Stock of the Company.
- (5) Held jointly with Mr. Duloc's spouse.
- (6) Includes 287 shares held in the Company's Savings and Salary Deferral Plan allocated to the account of Mr. Wall.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Board is a classified board divided into three classes - Class I consisting of two directors, Class II consisting of two directors and Class III consisting of three directors. Each class of directors

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serves for a term of three years. At this Annual Meeting, two Class II directors will be elected to serve until the 2013 Annual Meeting and until their successors are elected and qualified.

The Board is nominating Lonnie A. Coombs and Samuel N. Seidman, who are the incumbent Class II directors, for election at the Annual Meeting. Although the Board does not expect that either of the persons nominated will be unable to serve as a director, should either of them become unavailable for election it is intended that the shares represented by proxies in the accompanying form will be voted for the election of a substitute nominee or nominees selected by the Board or, in the discretion of the Board, the position may be left vacant.

The Board unanimously recommends a vote "FOR" the two Class II nominees.

The following information relates to the nominees of the Board for election and the directors whose terms of office do not expire this year.

Nominees to serve until the 2013 Annual Meeting (Class II):

LONNIE A. COOMBS, age 62, has been a director of the Company since 2001. Mr. Coombs is a certified public accountant and provides accounting, tax and business consulting services, and has been engaged in this occupation for more than the past five years with his firm, Lonnie A. Coombs, CPA. Mr. Coombs brings to the Board the expertise in financial and accounting matters he has accumulated over his almost 40 years as a practicing certified public accountant, and the diverse business knowledge he has gained in dealing through his practice with a broad range of commercial enterprises.

SAMUEL N. SEIDMAN, age 76, has been a director of the Company since 1977. Mr. Seidman is the President of Seidman & Co., Inc., an economic consulting and investment banking firm that he founded, and also serves as director, Chairman of the Board of Directors, President and Chief Executive Officer of Productivity Technologies Corp., a manufacturer of metal forming and materials handling automation equipment and a wirer of control panels. He has held these positions for more than the past five years. He is a former director of InkSure Technologies Inc. Mr. Seidman provides the Board with his experience as a public company director, having served on a number of boards over the years. He also has a strong business background both through operating his own economic consulting and investment banking business and having managed several other businesses.

Directors continuing in office until the 2011 Annual Meeting (Class III):

NICHOLAS G. KARABOTS, age 77, has been a director of the Company since 1993 and currently serves as the Vice Chairman of the Board. Mr. Karabots is the Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of Kappa Media Group, Inc., Spartan Organization, Inc., Jericho National Golf Club, Inc. and other private companies that are primarily engaged in the publishing, printing, recreational sports and real estate businesses, and has held these positions for more than the past five years. Mr. Karabots brings to the Board his extensive business experience obtained through over 50 years of owning and operating a variety of businesses, including businesses involved in real estate development and publishing.

ALBERT V. RUSSO, age 56, has been a director of the Company since 1996. Mr. Russo is the Managing Partner of real estate entities Russo Associates and Pioneer Realty and is a Partner of American Simlex Company, a textile exporter, and has held these positions for more than the past five years. Mr. Russo is also the Managing Partner of 401 Broadway Building, a real estate company which acquired its principal asset in 2006 from a court appointed receiver for 401 Broadway Realty Company, of which he was a general partner, in connection with the resolution of a dispute among the partners. Mr. Russo has been involved in the ownership and management of commercial real estate for more than 25 years and contributes to the Board his specialized knowledge of the real estate business.

JONATHAN B. WELLER, age 63, has been a director of the Company since 2007. After his retirement from full-time employment in April 2006, Mr. Weller worked as an Adjunct Lecturer at the Wharton

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School of the University of Pennsylvania from January 2007 to May 2009. From June 2004 to April 2006, Mr. Weller was Vice Chairman of Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust, a public national owner, manager and operator of retail properties. He also served as Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust's President and Chief Operating Officer from 1994 to June 2004, and served on its Board of Trustees from 1994 to March 2006. Mr. Weller is a director of PVG GP, LLC, the General Partner of Penn Virginia GP Holdings, L.P. Mr. Weller brings to the Board 36 years of experience in the real estate business as well as experience in dealing with complex financial transactions. Also, his service on other public company boards enhances the Board's ability to deal with governance and compensation matters.

Directors continuing in office until the 2012 Annual Meeting (Class I):

EDWARD B. CLOUES, II, age 62, has been a director of the Company since 1994 and currently serves as the Chairman of the Board. Since April 2010, Mr. Cloues has been retired. For more than five years prior to his retirement, Mr. Cloues was a director, the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer of K-Tron International, Inc., a material handling equipment manufacturer, which, until April 2010 was publicly held. Mr. Cloues serves as a director of Hillenbrand, Inc., Penn Virginia Corporation and Penn Virginia Resource GP, LLC, the General Partner of Penn Virginia Resource Partners, L.P. Mr. Cloues has also been a law firm partner specializing in business law matters and that experience combined with the experience gained from his former executive position has given him a strong background in dealing with complex business transactions. Additionally, he brings to the Board a broad understanding of governance and compensation issues as a result of his service on other public company boards and of general management issues as a result of his service as chief executive officer of a public company.

JAMES WALL, age 73, has been a director of the Company since 1991. Mr. Wall is Senior Vice President of the Company and Chairman of the Board of Directors, President and Chief Executive Officer of AMREP Southwest Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, and has held these positions for more than the past five years. Mr. Wall has spent more than the last 40 years closely involved with the planning, engineering design, development and marketing of the Company's principal real estate holding in Rio Rancho, New Mexico, which remains a significant asset of the Company, and has also been involved in other aspects of the Company's real estate business. This coupled with his established presence in the Rio Rancho civic, business and government communities makes him well qualified to present insights to the rest of the Board on maximizing the value to the Company of its real estate holdings.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ITS COMMITTEES

The Company's Common Stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange, and the Company is subject to the Exchange's Corporate Governance Standards (the "Governance Standards"). The Governance Standards, among other things, generally require a listed company to have independent directors within the meaning of the Governance Standards as a majority of its board of directors and for the board to have a nominating/corporate governance committee and a compensation committee each composed entirely of independent directors. However, the Company is a "controlled company" within the meaning of the Governance Standards because Nicholas G. Karabots and entities related to him have the power to vote more than a majority of the outstanding Common Stock, and the Governance Standards permit a controlled company to choose not to comply with those requirements. The Board has chosen not to have a nominating/corporate governance committee. Also, the Board has chosen not to comply with the Governance Standards applicable to compensation committees. Although the Board has a Compensation and Human Resources Committee, not all of its members are independent directors as would be required by the Governance Standards if the Company were not a controlled company.

Mr. Karabots does not qualify as an independent director under the Governance Standards. He owns and he and certain of his family members are executives of publishers that are customers for the Company's newsstand distribution and subscription fulfillment services for which the payments involved are in amounts greater than

permitted under the Governance Standards for a director to be considered

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independent. Also, his son-in-law, Michael P. Duloc, is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company's Kable Media Services, Inc. subsidiary. Mr. Wall is a Company employee and therefore does not qualify as an independent director under the Governance Standards.

Based principally on their responses to questions to these persons regarding the relationships addressed by the Governance Standards and discussions with them, the Board has determined that other than his service as a director, each of Edward B. Cloues, II, Lonnie A. Coombs, Albert V. Russo, Samuel N. Seidman and Jonathan B. Weller has no material relationship with the Company either directly or as a partner, shareholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with the Company and, therefore, meets the director independence requirements of the Governance Standards. The Board was informed that Mr. Coombs, who is a certified public accountant, (i) for many years has provided, and expects to continue to provide, business and tax consulting services to companies owned by Mr. Karabots, including companies that are customers for the Company's newsstand distribution and subscription fulfillment services, (ii) the revenues from such business and tax consulting services for the Company's last three fiscal years have accounted for from 7.8% to 8.2% of Mr. Coombs' professional service revenues over those periods, and (iii) Mr. Coombs is also a director of two private companies controlled by Mr. Karabots. However, the Board concluded that Mr. Coombs' relationships with Mr. Karabots and his companies is as an independent contractor, and not as an employee, partner, shareholder or officer, and would not interfere with Mr. Coombs' independence from the Company's management.

The nominees for election as directors are selected by the whole Board. The Board has no charter addressing the director nomination process or any specific qualifications for nominees to meet, and has not adopted a formal policy mandating the consideration of diversity as a factor in selecting and evaluating nominees, or formally defining what diversity means. The Board of Directors considers diversity broadly to include differences of viewpoint, professional experience, and individual characteristics, qualities, and skills that result in varying perspectives among the Board of Directors while simultaneously providing skills that complement the full Board of Directors such that, as a unit, the Board of Directors possesses the appropriate skills and experience to oversee the Company's business. The Board of Directors has not adopted a formal policy relating to diversity because it believes that diversity is one of many underlying factors that are used in assessing a director candidate's experience, skills, knowledge of business, management practices, and the perspective that he or she can bring to the Board of Directors, and that adopting a formal policy may encourage undue weight being given to one or a few factors, while the remaining factors the Board of Directors has historically considered, which also are not formally defined, garner less attention. Further, the Board of Directors believes that a formal policy regarding diversity may not provide it with the flexibility it requires in evaluating each individual candidate and, therefore, may not result in the selection of the best qualified nominees to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors believes that diversity is part of the overall mix of factors it has historically considered, and continues to consider, when identifying and evaluating candidates for election as directors. If the Board determines in the future to seek any new director, it will consider the qualifications for the position at that time

The Board will consider candidates for director recommended by shareholders on the same basis as any other proposed nominees. Any shareholder desiring to propose a candidate for selection as a nominee of the Board for election at the 2011 Annual Meeting may do so by sending a written communication no later than May 2, 2011 to AMREP Corporation, 300 Alexander Park, Suite 204, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, Attention: Corporate Secretary, identifying the proposing shareholder, specifying the number of shares of Common Stock held and stating the name and address of the proposed nominee and the information concerning such person that the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission require be included in a proxy statement relating to such person's proposed election as a director. Shareholders should recognize that so long as Mr. Karabots remains the Company's controlling shareholder, his concurrence is necessary for the election of any director.

As required by the Governance Standards, the Board has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines (the "Guidelines") that address various matters involving the Board and the conduct of its business. The Board has also adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics setting forth principles of business conduct applicable to the directors, officers and employees of the Company. The Guidelines and Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, as well as the charters of the Board's Audit Committee and Compensation and Human Resources Committee, may be viewed under "Corporate Governance" on the Company's website at www.amrepcorp.com, and written copies will be provided to any shareholder upon request to the Company at AMREP Corporation, 300 Alexander Park, Suite 204, Princeton, New Jersey 08540, Attention: Corporate Secretary. The Company intends to disclose on its website any amendment to or waiver of any provision of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to any of its executive officers, including its principal financial and accounting officer.

Directors are expected to attend Annual Meetings of Shareholders, and all of the directors attended last year's Annual Meeting. The Board held four meetings during the last fiscal year, and all of the directors attended at least 75% of the total of those meetings and the meetings during such year of the Board Committees of which they were members. Pursuant to the Guidelines, the Board has established a policy that the non-management directors meet in executive session at least twice per year and that the independent directors also meet in executive session at least twice per year. The Chairman of the Board (currently, Edward B. Cloues, II), if in attendance, will be the presiding director at each such executive session; otherwise, those attending will select a presiding director.

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