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Vice President Program Management

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SUMMARY

- Seeking leadership opportunities for managing energy operations, teams, and projects, with a clear path to growth
- 30 years of experience in design, fabrication, engineering management, project/program management, construction support/supervision, and commissioning management
- Expertise in oil & gas midstream and energy storage: salt cavern and depleted reservoir gas (natural gas, CAES/air, helium, and hydrogen) and liquid (crude, LPG, and olefins) facility, interconnect, and pipeline development and operation.
- Extensive experience with industrial systems, petro-chem, LNG, and oil & gas production facilities, power generation and distribution design & fabrication for low, medium, and high voltage systems
- Program management experience leading engineering teams projects as large as \$300 million
- Design & operation experience with US, International, and Maritime codes and standards
- On-the-ground experience in the US, Asia, Africa, Gulf of Mexico, Europe, and South America
- BS Electrical Engineering
- Certified Project Management Professional

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

WSP USA Energy Storage Services

2022 – Present **Vice President – Program Management**

Supporting Energy Storage Services division directives for development and program/project management at the largest underground services company in the USA. Interfacing with new and potential clients as well as established clients on projects in new areas of development relative to clients' cores focus. Performing feasibility studies for new and established clients as they face new energy concepts and development of new or newly acquired facilities. Leading and guiding large programs and projects. Supporting the development of younger engineers in their project and career roles. Supporting all areas of the Energy Storage division: drilling, workovers/MITs, regulatory and compliance, subsurface engineering, and surface facilities and pipeline engineering. Managing a team of eleven engineers and designers. Pioneering the rollout of a new back-office software suite, supporting the division through the transition and continuing guidance and support to keep workflow continuity and maintain productivity while training line managers on the use of the new suite.

Caliche Development Partners

2017 – 2021 **Vice President – Engineering**

Developed the western hemisphere's first helium cavern providing the storage concept that made the project feasible. Project focus includes storage cavern development and conversion, surface facilities, brine ponds, pipelines, interconnect stations, and third-party connections in Beaumont, TX, interfacing with client management and engineering to provide the expected results. Leading a team to solution mine and convert caverns to NGL, olefin, and helium storage, build out above ground facilities including pumps, dryers, flare, brine ponds, electrical expansion, install pipeline headers, and construct multiple interconnect stations and third-party interconnects. Operational and regulatory/compliance support of developed facilities.

Fairway Energy Partners

2016 – 2017

Director – Engineering and Construction

Developed merchant crude oil storage in Houston city limits. Program focus includes storage cavern conversion, surface facilities, pipelines, meter stations, and third-party connections southeast of downtown Houston. Leading a team to convert solution mining caverns to crude oil storage, build out surface facilities including pumps, develop 100+ acres of brine ponds, build a 40 MW substation, install 20 miles of looping pipeline, and construct multiple meter stations and third-party interconnects.

TCCT Services, LLC

2014 – 2016

Owner

Engineering and project management on contract for private equity companies. Projects include leaching facilities for CAES, Helium Recovery development, liquid storage development, and crude storage facility design.

Zechstein Energy Storage

2013 – 2014

Director – Engineering and Projects

Developed merchant gas storage concepts and plans in Europe. Project focus included storage cavern conversion with high pressure tie-ins, grid connections with metering stations, and multi-stage storage facility development located in Germany. Managed the design and engineering required for regulatory & permitting. This also included delivering technical details, cost estimates, and construction schedules required for the business development planning.

Tasks Performed Include:

- Developing small scale stand-alone concepts and large scale estimates for input into financial models
- Creating CapEx/OpEx studies comparing US and European design concepts
- Developing relationships with European engineering firms, permitting agencies, oil & gas service providers, materials packagers, and materials suppliers.

Prime Controls

2011 – 2012

Senior Project Engineer

Course corrected the integration of the world's largest pump station. Responsibilities included senior/lead engineer, training and supporting existing and new engineers with design, integration, and troubleshooting; as well as implementing company-wide policies and procedures. Tasks included lead control system programming/integration, testing and commissioning, for industrial projects including rail car offloading, storm water pump stations, and wastewater facilities.

Port Barre Investments d.b.a. Bobcat Gas Storage (now an Enbridge facility)

2007 – 2011

Senior Lead Project Engineer - Surface Facilities

Developed 25 bcf merchant natural gas storage safely and in record time. Project included salt dome cavern based storage, interconnect meter stations, and salt dome leaching facilities located in Louisiana.

Tasks Performed Include:

- Supervising and assisting with management of all disciplines of engineering design through on-site commissioning and startup, including leading commissioning and supporting operations.
- Providing money saving product solutions saving \$millions, while maintaining schedule
- Providing solutions for design errors and omissions while on-site during construction and commissioning.
- Interfacing with partner company personnel during design, construction, and commissioning
- Working with landowners and attorneys to complete land transactions
- Coordinating installation of electric utilities

TEST Automation & Controls

1996 – 2007

Project Engineer/Project Manager

Managed TEST's largest in-house project, \$8.9 million in control systems. Managed design teams on large control and safety system projects, provided senior oversight and expert assistance. Designed, procured, programmed, tested, and on-site commissioned control systems, safety systems, SCADA systems, and Human Machine Interfaces on-shore and off-shore in the US and overseas. Automated oil & gas production and midstream equipment.

On-site performance for Bobcat Gas Storage led to being hired as an integral part of the Bobcat Gas Storage team.

Serv-Tech / Talbert & Associates

1995 – 1996 Project engineer

Tasks performed include:

- Transferring P&ID details into a database for the automated creation of loop diagrams.
 - Developing a database for tracking project data.
 - Researching DCS manufacturers for strategic alliances.
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SKILLS & EXPERTISE

- Engineering Management, Program/Project Management, R&D, Estimating, Specifying, Scheduling, Design, Procurement, Fabrication, Testing, Installation, Commissioning, Startup, Operational Support, Regulatory & Compliance
 - Energy Storage, Production Systems, Pipeline Systems, Pumping Stations, Compression Stations, Interconnect Facilities, Storage Facilities, Distribution Systems, Substations, OT Systems and Security
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EDUCATION

- University of New Orleans, Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering – May 1995
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CERTIFICATIONS

- Project Management Institute, Project Management Professional – March 2025

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