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Objective

Serve in a leadership position under the administration of Mayor Tom Barrett

Education

- Masters of Science, Construction Management, Marquette University, 1987
- Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering, Marquette University, 1984

Personal and Professional Skills/Strengths

- Skilled negotiator and facilitator
- Approachable and diplomatic
- Creative problem solver
- Decision maker
- Strong communicator and leader
- Loyal and committed to the City

Experience

Coordination Manager, Department of Public Works (DPW), City of Milwaukee
(April 2007-Present)

Project management/administration:

- Administer all formal and informal DPW contracts.
- Liaison between DPW and DCD on development projects.
- Liaison between Business Improvement Districts and Main Street Associations.
- Manage all Out-of-Program Agreements involving residential developments.
- Manage Milwaukee River Skimmer operations.
- Represent DPW on all Riverwalk-related issues.

Policy-oriented programs:

- Primary author of the City of Milwaukee Streetscaping Design Standards.
- City of Milwaukee ADA coordinator.
- Primary coordinator of the Support for Business program.
- Responsible for coordinating most Sustainability DPW projects through the city.
- Coordinate the All Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Milwaukee.
- Insure compliance relative to EBE, RPP and LBE programs.
- DPW representative on the Disparity Study Committee.

Previous positions with the City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works

- Chief Construction Engineer, Infrastructure Services Division (January 2006- April 2007)
- District Manager, Construction Section, Infrastructure Services Division (2000-2006)
- Construction Supervisor, Construction Section (1994-2000)
- Utility Coordinator, Construction Section (1992-1994)
- Testing Laboratory Manager Assistant, Construction Section (1991-1992)
- Project Engineer, Construction Section (1987-1991)

Highlights of experience with the City of Milwaukee

- Primary construction manager for all DPW contracts and all Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) contracts within the City of Milwaukee. Entails producing construction documents, special provisions, processing contract payments, responding to citizens concerns, resolving contract disputes, updating specification and forming new inspection procedures, interacting with public and elected officials to address requests and resolve concerns.
- Manage a \$60M annual construction budget.
- Responsible for establishing an annual Master Contract with the Wisconsin DOT.
- Responsible for one of two Design and Construction Districts in the City of Milwaukee, managing a staff of 50 engineers, technicians and administrative staff.
- Manage two Service Master Contracts with two private firms and coordinate all construction projects under Out-of-program Agreements between the City and private developers, while monitoring EBE compliance and residency participation on State-funded projects.
- Effectively manage interaction within City and State departments, Business Improvement Districts, private developers, elected officials, local businesses and citizens including project coordination, diplomacy and conflict resolution.
- Managed Ground Penetration Radar and Non-Destructive Testing programs
- Responsible for daily operation of the City of Milwaukee Testing Laboratory
- Responsible for managing major paving projects by providing direction to contractors, enforcing City's specifications and plans and handle public concerns.

Key Projects with direct involvement:

- Hartung Park
- City Lights development project
- Erie Street Plaza
- Century City Project
- Wisconsin Avenue streetscaping
- Riverwalk ADA project
- Marquette University streetscaping
- Downer Avenue Streetscaping
- Brady Street streetscaping
- North Avenue streetscaping
- Kilbourn Park beautification project
- Josey Heights Development
- Sholes Park Development
- Cherokee Point Development
- Trostel Square Development
- Mayberry Development
- Lapham Park Housing Project
- Kilbourn Avenue decorative planters project
- Booth Street stairs
- Vine Street stairs
- College Avenue (north and south) landfill capping projects
- Ember Lane/Menomonee river trash barrier project
- Rain Barrel project under the 35th street viaduct

Public and private-sector references available upon request.