

Dirk Tucker, PE

Summary of Qualifications

Dirk Tucker has over 25 years of quality experience in the heavy highway industry. The diversity of his experience provides him a well-rounded perspective to analyze construction issues. His career began in the classroom where he received his civil engineering degree from Purdue University in December of 1982. His first employment after graduation was in the public sector where he served as a construction engineer for the Indiana DOH. That position provided him the experience of working for municipalities on construction projects. In 1988, he accepted an employment opportunity in the private sector with a heavy highway contractor and relocated to Southwest Florida. He worked as a project manager, operations manager and estimator for a number of heavy/highway contractors in Southwest Florida from 1988 until 2010. Each position offered a unique perspective of the challenges heavy highway contractors encounter on projects and how construction issues are resolved. Dirk founded Ambassador Engineering in 2011. The company provides engineering and construction services to construction contractors. This new venture has provided the opportunity to gain valuable business experience from the perspective of a small business owner.

Education

1978-1982 Purdue University West Lafayette, IN
▪ B.S. in Civil Engineering with a major in construction.

Professional Registrations and Certifications

- Licensed Professional Engineer in Florida – PE 40501
- Licensed Professional Engineer in Indiana – PE 60870312
- Certified General Contractor in Florida – CGC 046394
- Dispute Resolution Board Foundation Administration & Practice Workshop
- ATSSA Florida Advanced Work Zone Traffic Control Course
- DEP Qualified Stormwater Management Inspector

Experience

2010 – Present Ambassador Engineering, LLC Valrico, FL
President
▪ Ambassador Engineering provides professional engineering and construction management consulting services to the Florida contracting industry.

2003 - 2010 Westra Construction Palmetto, FL

Project Manager

- Served as project manager on both public and private heavy highway and utility projects. Westra specialized in complex underground utility projects.

2001 – 2002 Geo Con, Inc. Tampa, FL

Project Manager/Estimator

- Served as estimator and project manager on various wetland creation, foundation improvement, environmental remediation and slurry wall projects throughout the United States.

1998 – 2000 Kearney Development Tampa, FL

Senior Project Manager

- Supervised the project management department for the company that completed approximately \$75 million of infrastructure construction projects annually. Kearney provided the construction installation services for the infrastructure on numerous site development projects in the Tampa Bay area.

1995 - 1997 Complete Painting & Restoration Naples, FL

Certified General Contractor

- Provided contractor license for the company and supervised various commercial concrete restoration projects.

1992 - 1994 Florida State Underground Naples, FL

Operations Manager

- Served as field operations manager for the underground utility contractor on both public and private heavy highway projects.

1988 - 1992 N. Cole Construction, Inc. Cape Coral, FL

Construction Engineer/Operation Manager

- Served as estimator and project manager on various site development projects from 1988 to 1990. Served as operations manager from 1990 to 1992.

1983 - 1987 Indiana Dept. of Highways Vincennes, IN

Construction Engineer

- Served as project engineer in the construction department. Responsibilities included the construction engineering (surveying), project documentation and quality control (field material testing) on numerous bridge projects.