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**EDUCATION:**

University of Wisconsin-Madison  
B.S. Civil and Environmental Engineering May, 1991

**ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE:**

Jan 07 – Present: Director, Public Works and Utilities, City of Duluth Minnesota

Duties: Direct responsibility for planning, budgeting, design, maintenance and construction for all infrastructure, utility and public works projects for the City of Duluth, Minnesota (population 85,000). Manage a staff of 255 employees within 6 divisions to include: General Engineering, Utility Engineering, Transportation Engineering, Utility Operations, Customer Service, and Street Maintenance. Oversee an Operating budget in excess of \$110,000,000. Ensure that employees have adequate resources and training to safely accomplish all tasks.

Jan 01 – Jan 07: Chief Engineer of Transportation and City Engineer, City of Duluth Minnesota

Duties: Overall responsibility for all aspects of the infrastructure improvements for the City. Scope of work includes but is not limited to: road & street construction, bridge inspection and construction, traffic flow analysis, traffic signal design and construction, and public safety. Supervise 28 civil engineers, engineering technicians, electricians and moveable bridge operators.

Feb 98 – Jan 01: Project Engineer, City of Duluth Minnesota

Duties: Manage all aspects of residential and highway transportation projects from the planning phase through construction. Provided technical advice to design and construction civil engineering technicians. Manage and control the budget for individual projects.

Jul 91 – Feb 98: Civil Engineer-Transportation-Senior, Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Superior Wisconsin

Duties: Highway and bridge design, plan preparation, detailed cost estimates, environmental documents, specification writing, drainage analysis, utility coordination, traffic control, erosion control. Construction inspections, surveying, staking, materials sampling and testing. Underwater bridge inspections.

**Credentials:**

Licensed Professional Engineer in the States of Wisconsin and Minnesota  
National Bridge Inspector (NBI) Certified  
Member, American Public Works Association (APWA)