



KEN SMITH, P.E.

Chief Executive Officer

Ken has served as the president and CEO of Ever-Green Energy and its parent company District Energy St. Paul since 2010. A recognized leader in community and campus scale energy systems, Ken is actively engaged in industry, policy, and academic forums on the transforming energy system. He is a frequent speaker nationally and internationally, and is regularly requested to brief local, state, and federal planners, policy makers and regulators, and is a co-founder of the Climate-Smart Municipalities program, an exchange between communities in Minnesota and Germany.

Prior to joining Ever-Green Energy in 2006, Smith worked globally in the engineering and construction industry for over 20 years: planning, designing and implementing mission critical projects, including central plants, microgrids, datacenters, and facilities for advanced tech industries, campuses, international airports, and U.S. Department of Defense.

Relevant Project Experience

Professional electrical engineer with over 35 years of project experience ranging the complete lifecycle from studying, planning, and engineering, to managing, constructing and operating.

Technical experience includes all facets of central energy plants (heating, cooling and power generation), medium- and low-voltage generation and distribution systems, including microgrids; ups systems; data and communication systems; industrial controls, complex grounding systems; control systems for HVAC, chillers, boilers and power generation; and industrial and commercial lighting design. Specialized expertise in mission critical facilities.

Primary Responsibilities

- Oversee all aspects of the company's activities and performance
- Creating and implementing the company vision and mission, and fostering the company's culture
- Communicating, on behalf of the company, with ownership, clients, government entities, and the public
- Leading the company's short- and long-term strategy
- Maintaining awareness of the competitive market landscape, growth and expansion opportunities, and industry trends
- Ensuring that the company maintains high social responsibility wherever it does business
- Assessing risks to the company and ensuring they are monitored and managed

Education + Certifications

North Dakota State
University
BS Electrical Engineering

University of St. Thomas
Master of Business
Administration

Fellow – Institute on the
Environment, University of
Minnesota

Registered Professional
Engineer:

- California
- Colorado
- Georgia
- Kansas
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Wisconsin