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Speaker Bios

JORGE ARCE



Jorge Arce is Director and Senior Trade Specialist with the U.S. Commercial Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, in Jacksonville, FL. His duties include assisting and consulting with companies in North Florida, from Jacksonville to Pensacola, on exporting “Made in USA” products and services worldwide. He does this through a worldwide network of 160 offices in over 60 countries around the world. He holds a B.S from George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia with a degree in International Affairs. He obtained his MBA from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, Florida. He is a Certified Global Business Professional. He speaks fluent Spanish and conversational French.

PHIL BECK



Phil Beck is a partner in the Atlanta, Georgia office of Smith, Currie & Hancock LLP. His practice focuses on construction law, government contracts, and commercial litigation. He joined Smith, Currie & Hancock in 1981 upon graduating 4th in his class from the University of Tennessee College of Law and completing a judicial clerkship with the Tennessee Court of Appeals. Phil is experienced with a broad range of construction issues, problems, and disputes. His experience includes representing clients on a wide range of public and private construction projects throughout the United States and abroad. Phil is also an experienced arbitrator and mediator of construction claims and disputes.

NICOLE CRODDICK



Nicole Croddick is a bilingual Attorney licensed in New Jersey and New York. Nicole practices in the labor and employment law field. She has drafted employee handbooks; updated hiring and employee discipline forms; drafted severance agreements; facilitated trainings on a variety of employment law/compliance topics; conducted internal investigations on ethical and legal violations; and consulted with companies on human resources issues. It is through these internal investigations that she has gained real life examples and expertise on what problems truly exist in the modern workplace. She uses numerous examples, from her experience, in her trainings. Additionally, because she drafts employee handbooks, she knows what to look for in a legally compliant work place. She conducts all work for HR Learning Center in both English and Spanish.

HANK FISHKIND



With over 30 years of experience in economic analysis and forecasting, Dr. Henry Fishkind is widely regarded as one of Florida's premier economists and financial advisors. Dr. Fishkind's career began in the public sector where he worked as an economist and associate professor at the University of Florida. In 1980 Dr. Fishkind became the Associate Director for programs at the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research. During his tenure at the university, Dr. Fishkind served from 1979-1981 on the governor's economic advisory board. He began his career as a Private Sector Consultant when he became President of M.G. Lewis Economics in Winter Park, Florida. In 1988 Dr. Fishkind formed Fishkind & Associates, Inc. as a full service economic and financial consulting firm. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Economics from Indiana University and a B.A. in Economics from Syracuse University.

COLIN GROFF



An alumnus of the University of South Florida with a degree in Civil Engineering, Colin Groff has been working in the public services arena for various municipal agencies for the last 30 years. He is currently the Assistant City Manager for the City of Boynton Beach in Palm Beach County, Florida. In that capacity, he is responsible for Public Utilities, Public Works, Parks & Recreation, and Development Services. He has led over 36 Design-Build projects throughout his career to construct large and small water and wastewater projects.

ELLE HEMPEN



Elle Hempen learned first-hand about the frustration and inefficiency of infrastructure predevelopment and procurement while managing the \$3 million RE.invest Initiative, which generated new resilience strategies and projects for eight U.S. cities. Seeing an opportunity to help communities not only save money but make smarter infrastructure choices, Elle spearheaded the development of the Atlas. Prior to founding the Atlas, Elle served as the Director of Strategy & Partnership at re:focus partners, and as Special Assistant in the U.S. EPA's Office of International and Tribal Affairs where her portfolio included initiatives to expand investments in urban sustainability and design programs to support environmental entrepreneurship. Elle is an MBA candidate at UCLA's Anderson School of Management, and received her B.A. in Public Policy from the University of Michigan Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy.

CURTIS KINGREY



Curtis Kingrey is a Business Development Specialist at Onvia who focuses on providing companies the visibility on public sector projects to help them grow that market. He is passionate about the intersection of public sector projects and technology. Curtis has 20 years of business development experience with medium to enterprise level clients. Curtis holds a B.A. in Business Administration from the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota.

JASON MICKEL



As Manager of the Southwest Florida Water Management District's Water Supply section, Jason Mickel oversees the planning, development, and management of projects that provide potable and alternative water supply, promote water conservation and research, and implement beneficial reuse of reclaimed water. The section provides water audits and leak detection services for utilities; conducts economic analyses, population projections, and demands in support of water use permitting; produces the regional water supply plan and the estimated water use report; and has a leadership role with the Central Florida Water Initiative and the Polk Regional Water Cooperative. Jason holds a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and a Master's degree in Environmental Management from the University of South Florida.

MICHELE NELLENBACH



Michele Nellenbach is Director of the Bipartisan Policy Center's (BPC) strategic initiatives and its Governors' Council. Prior to joining BPC, Nellenbach was the Director of the National Governors Association's (NGA) Natural Resources Committee where she directed and oversaw NGA's federal legislative agenda and activities on issues related to energy, environment, and agriculture. She began her Capitol Hill career in the office of former Senator Frank Murkowski and then joined the staff of former Representative Nancy Johnson. Her career on the Hill concluded after more than six years working for the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. Nellenbach earned a Master's degree in political science from the American University in Washington, D.C., and a Bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Connecticut. She served as a Stennis Fellow during the 109th Congress.

CHRISTINE OGOZALY



Christine Ogozaly is Director of the Reedy Creek Energy Services at Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL. Prior to that position, she served as Director-Advanced Metering and Data Operations and Director of Operations at PPL Electric Utilities. She has a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from Wilkes University.

ANDREW SALVESON



Andy Salvesson has 19 years of environmental consulting experience serving public and private-sector clients in the research and design of water and wastewater treatment systems. He is a nationally recognized expert in water reuse and disinfection, and provides Carollo's clients with guidance and expertise on the latest industry issues and technology regarding reuse. Andy has led numerous planning, design, and research projects for various organizations, utilities, and corporations, and was honored with the 2007 WateReuse Person of the Year Award for bringing innovative technologies to market.

MIKE SHAPIRO



Michael Shapiro joined the Office of Water as the Deputy Assistant Administrator in November 2002. Prior to that, he was the Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER). Mr. Shapiro has also served as Director of the Office of Solid Waste, and Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation, where he directed implementation of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments. From 1980 - 1989, Mr. Shapiro held a variety of positions in the Office of Pesticides and Toxic Substances, where one of his responsibilities was developing EPA's Toxic Release Inventory. He has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from Lehigh University and a Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering from Harvard. He has also taught in the public policy program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government.

JABLANKA UZELAC



Jablanka Uzelac is the Managing Director at Global Water Intelligence (GWI), a company that provides market-leading analysis of the international water sector. She joined GWI in 2009, and prior to this role was responsible for leading the company's market research program as the Research Director. She has seven years of experience in managing and researching market reports, including *Industrial Water Technology Markets 2015*, *Global Water Market 2017*, and *Water's Digital Future*. She holds a Masters of Science from the University of Oxford in water science, policy, and management, as well as a degree in chemistry and biology from the University of Zagreb, Croatia.

JASON WULIGER



Jason Wuliger is the Co-Founder and Vice President of SplashLink.com, water's online platform, serving companies that are concerned about missing bid and project opportunities within the water industry, and organizations that are frustrated by limited funding to pay for treatment, infrastructure or even new technology-related projects. SplashLink.com provides an affordable platform that helps industry buyers, sellers and innovators of water solutions to find one another as well as millions in funding, and thousands of project opportunities from sources across the industry. Jason is a frequent blogger for water industry publications, has appeared on various TV and radio networks to provide analysis on water related news, and he is frequently engaged to present at industry conferences and events. Jason is an attorney and is the past President of the Lake County, Ohio Bar Association. He was recognized as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers Magazine in 2009, and was named a Fellow of the Ohio State Bar Foundation in 2012. Jason received his JD from the NYU School of Law, and his undergraduate education from Georgetown University.