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Amer Badawi, Vice President, Export & Chartering Manager, Columbia Grain International, Inc.

Amer has 25 years of experience with senior management positions at multinational organizations with focus on export operations & documentation, credit and risk management, contract structures & negotiations, trade finance & letters of credit, grading & inspections, ocean fleet management & chartering, marine insurance, terminal operation and logistics. Mr. Badawi's active industry participation includes serving as President of the Board of Directors of the Merchants Exchange of Portland, a second term as governor appointed commissioner on The Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots, member of the North American Export Grain Association (NAEGA) Contract Committee, a NAEGA Arbitrator, President of the Board of the Maritime Fire & Safety Association, and a frequent speaker at trade conferences and market

programs nationally and internationally.



Patty Boyden, Environmental Director, Port of Vancouver

Patty Boyden joined the Port of Vancouver in June 2000. She is currently the Director of Environmental Services and is responsible for providing policy direction for environmental issues related to Port operations, natural resources, clean-up projects, property transfers, and new development.

Prior to joining the port, Patty was an environmental consultant on natural resource, land use planning, and remediation projects with The JD White Company, Inc., Maul Foster Alongi Environmental & Engineering Consultants, and Portland General Electric.

Patty currently serves on the Washington Public Ports Association's environmental committee, the Washington State Ballast Water Work Group and previously on the City of Vancouver's habitat ordinance and water resource protection committees, and the Clark County Endangered Species Act Advisory board. She is a board member for the Friends of Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge, a steering committee member on the Vancouver Lake Watershed Partnership, and previously a volunteer naturalist with Metro's Parks, Trails and Greenspaces program.

A native of Massachusetts, Boyden received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Western Michigan University and a Masters of Science in Environmental Science and Engineering from the Oregon Graduate Institute. Patty relocated to the Pacific Northwest in 1985 and currently resides in Vancouver, WA.



David Brown, Pacific Northwest Ports Sector Lead, Kennedy/Jenks Consultants

David Brown is the leader of the Kennedy/Jenks Ports Sector for the Pacific Northwest Region. In this role, he is responsible for developing and maintaining relationships with KJ's principal port clients. David brings a background of 25 years of engineering, with focus on multi-discipline transportation and infrastructure projects, with particular emphasis on development projects within the Port industry. His experience with ports is highlighted by his service as Project Executive, Principal Engineer, and Project Manager on a multitude of port projects involving the planning and design of redevelopment, marine structural and dredging, transportation – rail, road, airport, utilities, site development, and environmental compliance.

Eric Burnette, Senior Waterways Planner, Port of Portland

Eric has worked as a Sr. Waterways Planner at Port of Portland since 2007. He works on a diverse range of issues including anchorage policy, dredging, harbor safety, and energy issues. He has a BA in English and Foreign Languages from Antioch College, a degree in Marine Transportation from California Maritime Academy, and Eric is a licensed merchant marine officer.

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John Engber, Senior Vice President, Strategies 360

John Engber brings an impeccable reputation for finding solutions and a deep knowledge of policy and Washington state politics to his role at Strategies 360.

John served as State Director to U.S. Sen. Patty Murray from 1997 to June 2008 and was her longest-serving senior staffer. During his 11 years with Sen. Murray, John managed a 20-person staff and oversaw the Senator's in-state strategic planning. He also handled a mix of state issues ranging from energy to economic development to the Wild Sky Wilderness.

Now at S360, John works with clients on a wide variety of services, including strategic consulting and communications strategies.

John has a long history in national politics and communications. Before joining Sen. Murray's staff, he was President of John Engber Communications, Inc., a communications firm specializing in political advertising and initiative campaigns. In 1990, he served as Western Regional Director for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, where he monitored and assisted Democratic House campaigns in 13 western states. He also worked as an attorney from 1985 to 1988 in the Washington, D.C. office of Weil, Gotshal and Manges.

John got early exposure to rough waters as a white water rafting guide on West Virginia's Cheat River and the Youghiogheny River in western Pennsylvania. A native of Pittsburgh, John earned his law degree from Temple University School of Law and a BA in economics and political science from The American University.



Lt. Col. Michael J. Farrell, District Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Walla Walla District

Lieutenant Colonel Michael J. Farrell assumed command of the Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) on June 27, 2008. Born and raised in Monona, Wisconsin, Lieutenant Colonel Farrell was commissioned into the Corps upon graduation from Princeton University in 1989.

Lieutenant Colonel Farrell's assignments included service as a Platoon Leader and Assistant Adjutant, 237th Engineer Battalion, Heilbronn, Germany; Adjutant, 44th Engineer Battalion, Camp Howze, Korea; Assistant S3 Operations, Civil Engineer, and Company Commander, 864th Engineer Battalion, Fort Lewis, Washington; Assistant Professor of Military Science, University of Wisconsin LaCrosse; Project Engineer, Structural Engineer and Deputy Chief, Design Branch, Pittsburgh District, Corps; S3 and Executive Officer, Special Troops Battalion, Fort Richardson, Alaska; Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) Engineer, Ninewa, Iraq under the Gulf Region North District, Corps; Deputy Commander, Europe District, Corps.

Lieutenant Colonel Farrell is a graduate of the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Scout Platoon Leadership Course, the French Commando School, and the Command and General Staff College. He has a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Princeton University, and a master of science degree in construction engineering from Cranfield University, England. He is a Chartered Engineer and Member, Institution of Civil Engineers, England.

Lieutenant Colonel Farrell's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Army Commendation Medal (two awards), Army Achievement Medal (three awards), the National Defense Service Medal (one Bronze Service Star), the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Korea Defense Service Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon (numeral 4), the French Commando Badge, and the Parachutist Badge.



Marla Harrison, Environmental Manager for Marine and Industrial Development, Port of Portland

Marla Harrison is the Environmental Manager for Marine and Industrial Development at the Port of Portland in Oregon. Marla has broad management and project experience ranging from environmental permitting, remediation, and characterization to large engineering and development projects. Her experience has been gained by working for a public transit agency, working for many years at NASA Ames Research center, and working for consulting firms. She is a registered Civil Engineer in California and Oregon, has an M.S. degree in Environmental Engineering from Stanford University, a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from San Jose State University, and an A.S. degree in Nuclear Medicine Technology.

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Tim Hibbitts, Partner, Davis, Hibbitts & Midghall, Inc.

Tim has 30 years of experience in all phases of opinion research, including questionnaire and sample design, data analysis, and presentation of data. He has completed projects for corporate clients including Microsoft and Nike, electronic and print media, and public sector decision makers.

Tim's specialty is political research, including the study of voter behavior and attitudes. He has been conducting survey research about candidates and ballot measures since 1976 and his list of clients includes mayors, governors, and members of Congress. He is regularly consulted by political analysts and commentators from across the United States including *The Washington Post* and *Time Magazine*.

Tim also conducts regular survey research about public affairs and politics for Community Newspapers Incorporated and FOX 12 News in Portland. He has done live election-night analysis for local television stations for over 20 years and has correctly predicted the outcome of hundreds of ballot measure and candidate elections.

Mr. Hibbitts received a B.S. from Portland State University. He has been a guest lecturer at Lewis & Clark College and Portland State University, as well as the City Club of Portland, Oregon Broadcasters Association, and the Pacific Conference.

Laura Hicks, Chief, Planning Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District

Laura Hicks is the Chief of the Planning and Project Management Branch for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District. She was recently promoted to this position after acting in the position for approximately 18 months.

The planning component of her position entails leading a staff of planning managers on a variety of projects including: Continuing Authorities Program, Planning Assistance to the States, General Investigations Program for single and multiple-purpose water, environmental and ecosystem restoration, and related land resource development projects, major rehabilitation and major maintenance, and support for other programs. The project management component of Laura's position entails her leading a staff of project managers who execute the Portland District Columbia River Fish Mitigation Projects, Large Capital Projects, construction efforts specifically authorized by Congress, and Non-routine Operation and Maintenance projects.

Laura's has spent the majority of her 25-year career with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Planning and Project Management. She has successfully brought two major navigation projects (Coos Bay Channel Deepening and the Columbia River Channel Improvement Project) through the study phase, obtained Congressional authorization for construction and moved them through the construction phase. She has brought numerous Continuing Authorities Projects from the study phase through construction, including the Portland/Vancouver Anchorage, Section 107 project, Trestle Bay, Fischer Butte Waterfowl Impoundments, Section 1135 projects, Winchester Bay Section 111 project, and jetty rehabilitations at Coos Bay, Yaquina Bay, and Tillamook Bay. She has also worked as the Project manager for the Mouth of the Columbia River Jetties Major Rehabilitation Study. Through Laura's leadership the Columbia River Channel Improvement prevailed in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Laura received her BS in Civil Engineering from the Ohio State University in 1982. Laura is a certified Project Manager Professional.



Charles Hudson, Public Affairs Manager, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC)

Charles Hudson has served as Public Affairs Manager for the Portland, Oregon-based Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission since 1999. The Commission is the policy and technical coordinating agency for the Columbia River Treaty Tribes (Yakama, Umatilla, Nez Perce & Warm Springs). Charles, a member of the Mandan/Hidatsa tribe of Fort Berthold, North Dakota, has spoken throughout North America on treaty rights, salmon and environmental justice. His passion for tribal issues is derived from his family's multi-generational fight for treaty rights and justice on the Missouri River chronicled in the 2004 novel "Coyote Warrior" by Paul Vandevelder. Charles also serves on the Boards of Directors for the Oregon Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility and the Open Meadow alternative school. He recently served as guest editor of "Modern Tribal People", a special edition of *Oregon's Future* magazine. Prior to his CRITFC service he spent several years working in media and American Indian education in the Pacific Northwest. He is a 1984 graduate of Washington State University. Charles has three sons, Charles III (23), Cray (21) and Stone (16).

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John Kaufmann, Senior Policy Analyst, Oregon Department of Energy

John Kaufmann is Senior Policy Analyst for the Oregon Department of Energy. John has led energy efficiency and renewable energy efforts with the Oregon Department of Energy for 25 years, helping to make Oregon a national leader. He headed Oregon's efforts to adopt the nation's most energy-efficient residential and non-residential building codes, and at various times he has managed the agency's Residential and Business Energy Tax Credit programs, public buildings programs, and new energy technologies efforts. Mr. Kaufmann was lead staff to the Portland Peak Oil Task Force, the first city to plan for peak oil. John has a Master's in planning from Hunter College-City University of New York.

Joy Keniston-Longrie, Director, Major Interagency Projects, Seattle Public Utilities

Joy Keniston-Longrie is Director, Major Interagency Projects, Seattle Public Utilities, City of Seattle. Joy's job responsibilities include proactively managing all aspects of customer & utility impacts for 4 Lines of Business (drinking water, stormwater, wastewater and solid waste) during all phases (planning, design, construction & operations) associated with Major Interagency Transportation Projects planned for the Puget Sound Region over the next 15 years. These projects represent a \$13 billion investment in the region, are considered legacy projects and will significantly transform our region's transportation, economic, social and environmental perspective. Joy is also the City of Seattle's federal permit liaison, coordinating with USACE, NMFS, USFWS, and FEMA on federal permit issues. She is also the "Responsible Official" for all Environmental Impact Determinations for Seattle Public Utility projects. She has over 25 years experience in both the public and private sector. She received her Masters in Public Health, BS in Environmental Health, and BA in Spanish, all from University of Washington, Seattle. She is licensed as a Registered Environmental Health Professional in Washington State, and nationally.

Amy Larson, President, National Waterways Conference, Inc.



Amy W. Larson is the President of the National Waterways Conference, Inc. Established in 1960, the NWC is the leading national organization to advocate for the enactment of common-sense water resource policies that maximize the economic and environmental value of our inland, coastal and Great Lakes waterways. Prior to joining NWC, Mrs. Larson served as the General Counsel of the Federal Maritime Commission, an independent agency responsible for the regulation of the oceanborne transportation in the foreign commerce of the United States, and was a member of the Senior Executive Service.

Mrs. Larson is a graduate of Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts, and Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. She is a member of the District of Columbia and Maryland bars, as well as the Women's International Shipping and Trading Association, the Propeller Club of the United States and the Maritime Law Association. She lives in Arlington, Virginia, with her husband and two daughters, and enjoys sailing on the Chesapeake Bay.

Col. Steven Miles, District Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District



Colonel Steven R. Miles became the Commander and District Engineer of the Portland District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on May 30, 2008. The Portland District has one of the Nation's most comprehensive and diversified civil works programs. Covering most of Oregon and southwestern Washington, Portland District is operating locks and dams along the Columbia River, managing dams in the Willamette Valley for flood damage reduction, maintaining Oregon's coastal rivers for navigation, and leading the Nation in hydropower generation, all while ensuring equal attention is placed on environmental protection and restoration, fish and wildlife enhancement and recreation. Portland District also serves as the Corps' Hydroelectric Design Center, a National leader and Center of Expertise.

A native of Cherry Hill, N.J., Col. Miles earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Norwich University and was commissioned in the Army Corps of Engineers in 1985 as a Distinguished Military Graduate. Miles also holds two masters degrees -- business administration from Boston University and strategic studies from the Army War College. Col. Miles is a joint specialty officer and a licensed professional engineer in both Oregon and Virginia. Prior to this assignment, Col. Miles served as Commander of the Northwestern Division from November 2007 to May 2008 and as the deputy from July to November 2007. Earlier assignments include a year long deployment to Fallujah, Iraq as an Area Engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in direct support of the U.S. Marines for stability and reconstruction operations in Western Iraq. Other assignments include Commander of the 29th Engineer Battalion in Hawaii and Joint Engineer Officer on the U.S. Forces Japan staff near Tokyo. Col. Miles has served as executive officer and operations officer for the 84th Engineer Battalion in Hawaii that included a deployment to the Balkans during Operation Allied Force. He also served in Korea leading the Camp Casey and Seoul Project Offices for two years with the Far East District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Prior to this assignment, Col. Miles served in Germany for six years in the 130th and 18th Engineer Brigades as a Company Commander and staff officer during the Cold War. Prior to Germany, Col. Miles served as a NATO Project Engineer in Turkey with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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Col. Steven Miles (*continued*)

His initial assignment was with the 15th Engineer Battalion (Combat) 9th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash., as a Task Force Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer.

His awards, decorations, and badges include the Bronze Star Medal, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Meritorious Service Medal (5th Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Commendation Medal (3rd Oak Leaf Cluster), the Army Achievement Medal (2nd Oak Leaf Cluster), the National Defense Service Medal (Bronze Service Star), the Armed Forces Services Medal, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Kosovo Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Parachutist Badge, the Ranger Tab, the Sapper Tab and Engineer Regimental Bronze DeFleury Medal.

Col. Miles is married and has two children.

Brian Monaghan, Project Director, Wildlands, Inc.

Brian Monaghan is currently the Project Director for Wildlands, Inc., a habitat development, land management, and environmental planning company with projects throughout the Western and Southeastern United States. Mr. Monaghan's duties include mitigation credit sales, new market analysis and project development. Mr. Monaghan has over 12 years experience working for other mitigation banking firms as well as investment groups focused on environmentally sensitive property. He is a licensed California Real Estate Broker.



Capt. Fred Myer, Sector Commander, U.S. Coast Guard, Sector Portland

Prior to assuming Command of Sector Portland, Captain Myer served as the Deputy Commander, U.S. Coast Guard Sector Boston, MA and was responsible for maritime safety and security operations in an area encompassing the majority of Massachusetts including all ports, inland waterways and a coastal zone that extends 200 miles from shore.

Captain Myer reported to Sector Boston in the summer of 2006 after completing a tour as Chief, Law Enforcement Branch at the Thirteenth Coast Guard District, Seattle, Washington, where he oversaw Coast Guard maritime security and law enforcement policy implementation across a four state region. He was instrumental in gaining approval for four additional 87 foot patrol boats, facilitating the balance of extremely limited resource hours across broad mission areas including Naval strategic High Value Unit escorts, counter narcotics interdiction, and living marine resource enforcement.

Prior assignments include (in chronological order) First Lieutenant, USCGC STORIS, Kodiak, Alaska; Duty Marine Inspector at Marine Inspection Office New York, NY; and Senior Investigating Officer at Marine Safety Office Corpus Christi, TX. Captain Myer returned to sea in 1993 as Operations Officer of U.S. Coast Guard Cutters RESOLUTE and ALERT, Astoria, OR. During the next two years he oversaw cutter operations ranging from the Bering Sea to the eastern Pacific, highlighted by the 6,500 nautical mile voyage of RESOLUTE to the Coast Guard Yard in Curtis Bay, MD for major refitting and subsequent return to Astoria of the newly recommissioned ALERT. This was followed by a staff tour at USCG Headquarters, Washington DC, in the Fisheries Law Enforcement Division, where he served as a Duty Officer and developed Living Marine Resource enforcement policy. He then served as Surface Operations Officer, Group/Air Station Port Angeles, WA, a tour highlighted by the successful management of safety and security during highly sensitive and volatile Makah Tribal whaling operations.

Captain Myer is originally from Beverly, Massachusetts. He graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1986 with a degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering. He has also earned an MBA from Strayer University, Woodbridge, Virginia.

Captain Myer is married to Lisa Annette Myer, originally from Tacoma, WA. They are both looking forward to being here in the beautiful Northwest.

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Derrick Olsen, International Trade Manager, Oregon Economic and Community Development Department

Derrick brings the expertise and resources of the International Trade Services section of the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department. As International Trade Manager, he leads a team of International Trade Officers in Oregon and overseas trade representatives in China, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and Europe that assist small and medium Oregon businesses and industries to expand their exports of goods and services.

Derrick worked for the Oregon State Legislature during the 2007 legislative session as the Committee Administrator for the House Education Committee. From 1993-2006, Derrick was a Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State, serving in Guatemala, Malaysia, Washington, DC, Bolivia, and Honduras. His last posting was as Chief of the Political Section with the U.S. Embassy in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. He is fluent in Spanish.

Derrick graduated from Tigard High School, has a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College, and a Master's of Foreign Service from Georgetown University.



BG William Rapp, Division Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Northwestern Division

Brigadier General William E. Rapp assumed command of the Northwestern Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, on May 30, 2008.

In his current position, he oversees a combined program of more than \$3.2 billion in civil works, environmental restoration, and military construction in more than a dozen states, primarily within the Columbia and Missouri river basins.

Prior to this assignment, BG Rapp served in Iraq for GEN Petraeus as the Director of the Commander's Initiatives Group for the Multi-National Forces-Iraq, Feb. 2007 - Feb. 2008. Other assignments include an earlier deployment to Iraq as Commander of the 555th Combat Engineer Group in support of the 101st Airborne Division in Multi-National Division-North, Oct. 2005 - Oct. 2006, preceded by a year serving as Chief of Plans, I Corps, at Fort Lewis, WA.

Numerous other stateside and overseas assignments include serving as a Fellow for the Council of Foreign Relations, Institute for International Policy Studies in Tokyo, Japan, August 2002 – June 2003; Commander of the 54th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Mech) in Bamberg, Germany, July 2000 - July 2002; Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Pentagon, 1999 - 2000; and Operations Officer (S-3) for the 864th Engineer Battalion and the 555th Combat Engineer Group, 1997 - 1999.

A distinguished graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY, BG Rapp was commissioned in the Corps of Engineers in 1984. He spent his first operational assignment in the 1st Armored Division (Furth, Germany) as platoon leader and executive officer in the 16th Engineer Battalion and reconnaissance platoon leader in 1-1 Cavalry Squadron. Returning to the States in 1988, BG Rapp served as Assistant Operations Officer (S-3) and later as commander of B Company, 27th Engineer Battalion (Combat) (Airborne) at Fort Bragg and during the Gulf War. From 1992 to 1994, he was a graduate student at Stanford University, and then taught international relations for two years in the Department of Social Sciences at West Point.

BG Rapp has a master's degree and doctorate in Political Science from Stanford University as well as a master's in National Security Policy from the U.S. Army War College. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in the state of Virginia.

His military schooling includes the War College, Joint Forces Staff College, Command and General Staff College, Combined Arms Services and Staff School, Engineer Officer Basic Course, Airborne School, and Air Assault School. BG Rapp was the distinguished honor graduate of the Infantry Officer Advance Course, Ranger School Class 2-85, his Jumpmaster Course, and the Strategist Program at CGSC. He is a Master Parachutist and holds the qualification 6Z (Army Strategist). His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, and the Engineer Regiment's Bronze DeFleury Medal.

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Nathaniel "Sam" Ruda, Marine Director, Port of Portland

Sam Ruda is the Director of Marine and Industrial Development at the Port of Portland. He has been with the Port since April of 2003.

Sam originally hails from New Jersey, but has also called California, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Charleston, Boston, San Francisco, Philadelphia, and Atlanta home. Prior to joining the Port, he was Nike's Director of Global Transportation, overseeing international logistics for the \$12 billion athletic sportswear company.

Prior to his work with Nike, Sam worked for 15 years in the international container shipping industry. A graduate of the Sea-Land Management Training program, Sam also worked for American President Lines and NYK Line in sales and other senior management positions. From 1997-2001, Sam was Coordinating Manager for NYK's North American Liner division based in Tokyo and Hong Kong.

Sam holds a bachelor's degree in economics from Rutgers College.



Col. Anthony Wright, Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District

Colonel Anthony Wright assumed command of the Seattle District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in summer 2008. Colonel Wright is originally from Oregon where he enlisted as an infantryman in the Oregon Army National Guard in 1981 and was commissioned in 1983. He entered active duty in 1985 and has served in a variety of command and staff positions in the continental United States and overseas. His previous assignments include: Company Executive Officer, 87th Engineer Company and Observer/Controller, National Training Center, at Fort Irwin California; Company Commander, C/237th Engineer Battalion in Neckarsulm, Germany; Assistant G3, 1st Armored Division and Company Commander, HHC 1st Armored Division Engineer Brigade in Bad Kreuznach, Germany; Engineer Trainer, 1457th Engineer Battalion, American Fork, UT; G3 Plans Officer and Aide-de-Camp in V Corps in Heidelberg, Germany; Battalion S3, 565th Engineer Battalion and Brigade S3, 130th Engineer Brigade in Hanau, Germany; Engineer Operations Officer with the Stryker Brigade Coordination Cell in Ft. Lewis, Wash.; Deputy Commander, 937th Engineer Group in Ft. Riley, Kan. and Iraq; Battalion Commander, 70th Engineer Battalion in Ft. Riley KS and Iraq; and the Engineer Branch Chief at Human Resources Command in Alexandria, Va.

He has deployed to the Balkans and three times to Iraq. He is a graduate of the Engineer Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Command and General Staff College, and the National War College. Colonel Wright received a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Oregon Institute of Technology and a master's degree in National Security Studies in June from the National War College in Washington, DC. Colonel Wright's decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, The Army Commendation Medals with 'V' device and two oak leaf clusters, and the combat action badge. His unit awards include the Presidential Unit Citation and the Valorous Unit Award.

Colonel Wright is a widower and has two children: James (11) and Catherine (10).

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Bill Wyatt, Executive Director, Port of Portland

Bill Wyatt is a native of Astoria, Oregon.

He has been the Executive Director of the Port of Portland since October of 2001. The Port of Portland, governed by a nine member Commission appointed by the Governor, owns four marine terminals, three general aviation airports and Portland International Airport (PDX). The Port has nearly 800 employees and annual revenues of approximately \$240 million. The value of foreign trade moving through the Port exceeds \$11 billion annually.

PDX handled over 14 million passengers in 2007, a record breaking year, has non-stop flights to 29 of its top 30 most-in-demand destinations in the US and has three international gateways: one to Asia and two to Europe. PDX is served by extensive national and international air cargo service.

The Port's marine division operates a very diverse seaport. In 2007, over 14 million tons of goods moved over the Port's docks. The port's container line of business comprises 2-weekly transpacific services as well as a Europe-Mediterranean string. Portland is one of the major ports of entry in the United States for finished automobiles and remains a significant export load center for grain and bulk minerals.

Prior to his appointment as the Port's Executive Director, Wyatt served as Chief of Staff to former Oregon Governor John A. Kitzhaber for seven years, preceded by six years as President of the Oregon Business Council, and five years as Executive Director of the Association for Portland Progress, then, Portland's downtown development association. Wyatt served as a state representative from the Astoria area from 1974–1977.

He attended public schools in Astoria, and Alexandria, Virginia, and later attended both Willamette University and the University of Oregon, where he was also student body President.

Wyatt has been a member of the Board of Directors of Oregon Public Broadcasting, and was Board Chair of the Urban League of Portland. He served as a Director of the Crabbe Huson mutual funds until their sale to Liberty Mutual in 1998. He was also appointed by Governor Ted Kulongoski in January of 2008 to serve on the Board of the Oregon Global Warming Commission.