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Neil C. Blais

Current Position: President and CEO, Blais & Associates, Inc. March 2008 - Present. Responsible for leading business development, government relations, contracting and administration management services within B&A. Work includes overseeing contract documents, outreach and client satisfaction, business accounting, and business prospect development.

Most Recent Position: General Manager, State and Local Government Operations, ABS Consulting, Inc. March 1994 – 2008. Responsible for business development, corporate planning and positioning, and operations related to the State and local government business sector nationwide. Primary business focus was emergency and risk management.

Relevant Experiences: Former Chairman, National Institute of Building Sciences Multihazard Mitigation Council (2011-2015). Responsible for assisting NIBS with the reconstitution of the Multihazard Mitigation Council. Neil was one of the leading voices for the development of the White Paper for Developing Pre-Disaster Resilience based on Public and Private Incentivization. Successfully lead four symposiums and multiple webinars bringing stakeholders together to discuss methods of driving resilience.

Prior to working with NIBS, Neil became involved in the emergency management industry following the Northridge Earthquake in 1994. He consulted to the California Governor's Office of Emergency Management helping the state with recovery efforts, which included recovery efforts for wildfires, winter storms, and flooding. Neil subsequently began working with several communities assisting with their recovery and mitigation efforts to increase resilience against future disasters. These work efforts resulted in Neil becoming a national expert on hazard mitigation and sustainable community development.

Education: B.S., California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, 1984; Aerospace Engineering.

Unique and Relevant Experience

- Councilmember, Town of Little Elm, Place 3, (2015 – Present),
- Member, American Grant Writers Association (2010 – Present)
- Member, Grant Professionals Association (2010 – Present)
- Member, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona Alumni Association (1984 – Present)
- Director, Little Elm Chamber of Commerce (2011-2015, Chairman 2014-2015)
- Director, Little Elm Economic Development Corporation (2012-2015, Vice President 2014-2015)
- Chairman, Multi-Hazard Mitigation Council (2010 – 2015)
- Councilman, City of Rancho Santa Margarita (2000 - 2010, Mayor 2004, 2008)
- Director, Orange County Fire Authority (2004 - 2010, Chairman 2010)
- 5th Supervisorial District Commissioner, John Wayne Airport Commission (2010-2011)
- Director, Orange County Council of the Boy Scouts of America (2008 – 2011)
- Member, OCTA Citizens Advisory Committee (2006 – 2011)
- Member, Lincoln Club of Orange County (2004 – 2011)
- Member, Trauma Intervention Program Advisory Committee (2002 – 2010)
- Director / Alternate Director, Transportation Corridors System (2000-2005)
- Alternate Director / Director, Foothill Eastern Transportation Corridors Agency (2000-2010)
- Member, Orange County Water Task Force 5th Supervisorial Representative (2000-2005)
- Director, Orange County Transportation Authority Growth Management Area 9 (2000-2003, Chairman 2001, 2002)
- Member, International Association of Emergency Managers (1998 – 2008)
- Corporate Member, National Emergency Managers Association (1996 – 2007)
- Commissioner, Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) (2002-2007)

- Member, Association of State Floodplain Managers (1998-2007)
- President, Rancho Santa Margarita Civic Council (1998 – 1999)
- Treasurer, Rancho Santa Margarita Cityhood Committee (1997 – 1999)

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