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Her corporate customers include Canada's two largest nuclear electricity generators, a defense contractor and two mining corporations, and many construction contractors. She was a practicing Project Manager for over 10 years, with extensive international experience, including developing national and international standards for CSA and ISO, and managing elevator installations for a mechanical contractor. Darya can be reached at duma@procept.com

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Teaching has been a steady part of Warren's past, having taught law courses to accounting students and business students at Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Waterloo. Warren has and is actively involved in his church and on the board of local charitable and business boards. Warren can be reached at WGriffin@ggfilaw.com

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Braden has planned complex work scope; selected qualified consultant teams through competitive RFSQ, RFP and / RFQ procurement; engaged construction teams in various CCDC construction contract types, facilitated the construction phases of work; and completed commissioning; closing out building permits and managing operational readiness for the newly constructed space prior to occupancy. Braden has developed college course programs in Building Science and Construction Project Control and teaches part time at George Brown College Continuing Education. He is also an active member of the Canadian Armed Forces currently serving in the capacity of an Officer with 32 Brigade Combat Engineer Regiment. Braden can be reached at bradenjohnson1316@gmail.com

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Jason's project experience includes bridge rehabilitation projects, public transportation facilities, residential developments, industrial developments, and commercial facilities. At J.S. Held, Jason has specialized in performing delay analysis and the preparation of both expert reports and claims. His work includes the preparation and review of both expert reports and claims for owners, general contractors, subcontractors, professionals, and other stakeholders. Jason also offers services in project management and claims management for the construction industry. Jason can be reached at ikramar@jsheld.com

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His experience includes subcontract bidding and contract administration, and site construction management including hiring, organizing, cost control, quality assurance, planning and scheduling as well as teaching. He was Operations Manager for an MEP Joint Venture in Dubai UAE and Project Manager of the first SNG Tank Farm in Dubai for LootahBCGas and Nakheel on the Palm Jumierah as well as two additional sites. Bob can be reached at rmattia55@gmail.com

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Her work as an inspector involved enforcement of the Occupational Health and safety Act and its regulations in a specified geographic area. She has a Diploma of Occupational Health and Safety DOHS (post graduate degree) from McMaster University and a diploma in chemical engineering technology from Cambrian College. She has studied adult learning principles at Seneca College as well as forensic science, psychology of criminal behaviour at Nipissing University. Since retirement from the Ontario Public Service, Lynne has been working with several companies doing safety audits and translation of safety program from English to French (LOTO, arc Flash) and now is pleased to assist with this training program. lynne.presseau@sympatico.ca

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