

Rodney Burch, PLS 10900
Mini-Resume
as requested by ISPLS

Submitted To: Aaron Ballard, PLS
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Overall PLS Experience and Credentials

Experience

I began my path in this profession in 1986 when I first attended the Civil Engineering Technology Program at Idaho State University. Upon Graduation in 1988, I initially worked for Forsgren-Perking Engineering in Bosie Idaho, with a focus on transportation, commercial development, and municipal infrastructure. In 1992, I moved back to Pocatello and became a minority partner in Shepherd Engineering with a primary focus on residential development. In 1997, I was the founding partner of Rocky Mountain Engineering and Surveying (RMES) located in Pocatello. RMES focused on municipal services and residential / commercial development. In 2000, at the start of the Geomatics Program at Idaho State, I obtained a teaching position in the Civil Engineering / Geomatics Technology program and eventually served as the program coordinator. In 2005, I left ISU and started Dioptra, a full-service surveying company located in Chubbuck, Idaho. In 2015, I sold Dioptra and at the invitation of the Mayor, I was appointed to serve as the Public Works Director / City Administrator for the City of Chubbuck. I served in that capacity for 7 years, until my retirement in 2022. I am currently employed part-time (27 hrs / week) as a project surveyor for Dioptra.

I obtained my Idaho LSIT certification in 1999 and my Idaho PLS certification in 2003.

I have been an active member of ISPLS and have served as both Vice-Chair and Chair of the Eastern Section.

Credentials / Key Accomplishments

During my service as Director of the Eastern Section, I was fortunate to be involved with the development and implementation of the Definition of Surveying legislation in Idaho. This effort included meetings / negotiations with elected state legislators, ISPLS membership, and IPELS staff. I also lead the effort to organize and host the annual ISPLS Conference in Pocatello.

While program coordinator for the Civil Engineering / Geomatics Technology programs, I was instrumental in obtaining the initial program ABET accreditation. This was a two year process that included curriculum upgrades, creating learning outcomes and establishing measurement tools for program graduate success.

During my service as Public Works Director / City Administrator, I had direct authority / accountability for 45 employees and an annual budget of \$14m. This service included administrative duties for Engineering, Planning, Building, Parks, Streets, Sanitation, Water, Wastewater and Economic Development departments. I also served as the Executive Director of the Chubbuck Development Authority, an Urban Renewal Agency for the City. One of my favorite accomplishments was the development and implementation of the City's Strategic Plan. This policy / document now serves as the cornerstone for range goals and internal operations of the City.

My service at the City of Chubbuck taught me how to gather public input, manage elected official expectations and implement state law and local ordinance for the betterment of our community.

Reason for Seeking Position

Truthfully, my initial interest was peaked by my peers suggesting that I consider applying. Their advocacy for my abilities bears significant weight in my decision to apply.

After researching the duties of the position and reading Glenn Bennett's summary of duties, I determined I should pursue the opportunity.

I have been involved with this profession for 26 years. Initial as a technical staff member and eventually in a leadership / management role. I find personal satisfaction in strengthening the profession, both in our internal operations / organization (ISPLS, IPELS and DOPL), but also in the public realm, with those who benefit from our profession.

I have developed the skillset to analyze workflow, improve processes and eliminate conflict which allows an organization to function at its highest potential.

My diverse service in both private practice and public realm has prepared me to continue serving our profession in the capacity of IPELS Board Member.

My part-time schedule will allow me to dedicate appropriate time to the position.

I look forward to an opportunity for continued service to our profession, to ISPLS membership and to the State of Idaho.

Sincerely,



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