



DUSTIN S. BELL
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Dustin Bell is a Senior Consultant with ESi in the Atlanta, Georgia office. Mr. Bell has amassed over 13 years in railroad operations, maintenance of way / engineering operations, capital planning / capital budgeting, and various leadership positions. He served more than six years as a Staff Engineer helping manage multi-million-dollar railroad operating and capital budgets. He served over seven years in field operations where he managed track inspections, repairs, capital project work, state projects, and engineering services work.

Prior to joining ESi, Mr. Bell was employed over 13 years with CSX Railway, a Class I Railroad, operating on the East Coast and in Canada. Mr. Bell served both as an engineering union employee, then promoted into the management ranks gaining more than six years' experience managing work crews related to track maintenance programs, track inspections, records documentation, FRA track safety standard compliance, safety audits, training staff level positions, and working with public entities on railroad operations throughout various communities.

As a Staff Engineer, Mr. Bell had operational and financial responsibility managing a fleet of CDL and Non-CDL trucks, roadway maintenance machines, and equipment trailers across the region as well as responsibility for over 900 employees. He was responsible for manpower planning, truck / equipment planning, and contractor proposal reviews. He also has extensive experience holding internal investigations / hearings for Labor Relations and HR related issues as well as being a subject matter expert in engineering related cases for railroad matters. His other responsibilities included the design and implementation of safety audits, safety training, and operations planning for new managers.

Areas of Specialization

Railroad Engineering
Standards and Planning
FRA Track Safety Standards
Fleet Operations
Engineering Work Equipment
Rail Safety, Rules, and Operations
Union/Management Investigations
Audits, Compliance, and Security
Accident / Incident Investigation/Cause Analysis
Claims Investigation / Evaluation
Evidence Preservation
Discovery Management / E-Discovery / Spoliation
Leadership
Catastrophic Incident Response and Data Collection
Root Cause Analysis



Education

B.S., Business Finance, University of Phoenix, 2011

Certifications

49 CFR 214 Part C Roadway Worker Protection – Rail Pros

49 CFR 213 Track Inspection and Safety Standards – University of Tennessee - Knoxville

Professional Affiliations/Honors

American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association (AREMA)

Positions Held

Engineering Systems Inc., Atlanta, Georgia

Senior Consultant, 2023 - Present

CSX Transportation, Jacksonville, Florida

Staff Engineer, 2017 - 2023

Roadmaster II, 2013 - 2017

Roadmaster I, 2012 - 2013

Assistant Roadmaster, 2011- 2012

Track Foreman, 2011

Trackman, 2010