

Dustin S. Bell

Senior Consultant



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 for 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 seven 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.

Certifications

- 49 CFR Part 214 Subpart C - Roadway Worker Protection
- 49 CFR Part 213 - Track Safety Standards Certification

Positions Held

Engineering Systems Inc., Peachtree Corners, 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

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Education

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

Areas of Specialization

Railroad Engineering
Railroad Crossing Construction and
Maintenance
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



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- Track Foreman, 2011
- Trackman/Machine Operator/Welder/Vehicle Operator, 2010

Professional Affiliations/Honors

American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association (AREMA)

- 041 Track Maintenance Technical Committee Member
- 05 Track Technical Committee Member