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Professional Profile:

Ron Ritter has over 44 years of hands-on construction experience.

For the last 4 years, Mr. Ritter has successfully consulted and provided litigation support services for projects involving renewable energy, power, battery storage systems and other related construction specialties; related to settlement of claims, acting as an Owner's representative and on-site consulting services for projects that were experiencing issues which the Owner's needed assistance to improve and resolve.

Mr. Ritter has successfully constructed and had direct project responsibility for a total of 2,505 MW of utility scale wind and solar projects in the US and Canada in the last 13 years.

For the prior 8 years Ron Ritter had oversight and P&L responsibility for multiple major utility projects including: electrical duct bank, underground/overhead electrical feeder, water distribution, sanitary sewer, storm drainage, reclaimed water, and fiber optic systems. Mr. Ritter was responsible for estimating activities to acquire work, budget preparation, scheduling, equipment acquisition, manpower, safety, and specialized subcontract negotiations.

Add to that 13 years of construction supervisory experience and 6 years of gaining construction craft experience.

Ron Ritter's diverse experience along with his hands-on gained knowledge has allowed him to provide unique Consulting and Expert Witness Services centered around Project Management, Claim Development, Estimating, Litigation Support services and the mitigation of project delays and lapses in companies achieving their operational goals, and making their construction process more effective.

Mr. Ritter has a proven track record of anticipating construction problems before they affect cost and schedule and conversely uses that knowledge to forensically analyze claims to/from Owners.

Services Provided:

- Renewable Energy (Wind, Solar and Battery Storage)
- Heavy Civil (Earthwork, Roads, Bridges and Highways)
- Power (Transmission, Distribution and Substation/Switching Yards)
- Underground Utilities (Water, Reclaimed Water, Storm Drainage, Sanitary Sewer/Lift Stations, and Force Main)
- Construction Specialties (Dewatering, Directional Drilling/Jack and Bore, Telecommunication)

Infrastructure, and Fiber Optic Installation)

- Buildings (Commercial, Institutional, Industrial, and Heavy Civil)

Professional Experience:

February 2024 – Current

Rising Edge Group

Project Manager

Oversight and management of full contract scope on Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) projects awarded to company's US division. Parent company is based in Canada. Licensed the Company in multiple states.

2020 – December 5, 2023,

IEA Renewable Energy

Licensing Manager

Licensed the Company in multiple states. General contractor's licenses, solar licenses, electrical license, and other licenses in multiple states and the territory of Guam.

2019 – 2020

IEA Renewable Energy

Senior Project Manager

Peyton Creek Wind Farm – Bay City, TX
151 MW – 48 Acciona Turbines
Full EPC – RWE (Eon)

2018 – 2019

IEA Renewable Energy

Senior Project Manager

Stella Wind Farm – Armstrong, TX
201 MW – 67 Acciona Turbines
Full EPC – RWE (Eon)

2017 – 2018

IEA Renewable Energy

Senior Project Manager

Bruenning's Breeze Wind Farm – Raymondville, TX
228 MW – 76 Acciona Turbines
Full EPC – RWE (Eon)

2016 – 2017

IEA Renewable Energy

Senior Project Manager

Drift Sand Wind Farm – Rush Springs, OK
165 MW - 55 Vestas Turbines
Full EPC – Enel Green Power North America

2015 – 2016

IEA Renewable Energy

Senior Project Manager

Cameron Wind Farm – Rio Hondo, TX
162 MW – 54 Acciona Turbines
Full EPC – Apex Clean Energy

2014 – 2015

H.B. White Construction, Inc.

Senior Project Manager

Cochrane Solar Farm – Cochrane, ON, CA
80 MW – Fixed PV Panels
Full EPC

2013 – 2014**IEA Renewable Energy****Senior Project Manager**

Green Pastures Wind Farm – Seymour, TX
300 MW – 100 Acciona Turbines
Full EPC – Capital Dynamics
Osage Wind Farm – Burbank, OK
151 MW - 84 GE Turbines
Full EPC – Enel

2012 – 2013**White Construction, Inc.****Project Manager**

Wildcat Wind Farm – Fowler, IN
225 MW - 125 GE Turbines
Full EPC, 138kv Substation, Collector System, 7 Mile Transmission Line, Tower Wiring

2011 – 2012**White Construction, Inc.****Project Manager**

Pioneer Trail Wind Farm – Paxton, IL
141 MW - 94 GE Turbines
Full EPC – Eon Climate and Renewables

2010 – 2011**White Construction, Inc.****Project Manager**

Settlers Trail Wind Farm – Watseka, IL
141 MW - 94 GE Turbines
Full EPC – Eon Climate and Renewables

2009 –2010**RMT, Inc.****Project Manager**

Milford Wind Farm – Milford, UT
200 MW – GE & Clipper Turbines
Full EPC, 138kv Substation, Collector System, 33 Mile Transmission Line, Tower Wiring

2008 – 2009**RMT, Inc.****Project Manager**

Fowler Ridge Wind Farm – Fowler, IN
400 MW – Vestas & Clipper Turbines
Full EPC, 2 X 138kv Substations, Collector System, 32 Mile Transmission Line, Tower Wiring - Eon

2007 – 2008**RMT, Inc.****Project Manager**

Endeavor Wind Farm – Iowa
200 MW – Clipper Turbines
Supervised project closeout operations. - Nextera

2001 – 2007**Danella Construction Co.****Division Manager**

Direct oversight and P&L responsibility of 2 operations managers and the supervision of 6 project managers, 16 superintendents & 600+ craftsmen. Operations involved installation of major utility projects including electrical duct bank, underground & overhead electrical feeder, water, sewer, reclaim water & fiber optic systems. Responsible for estimating activities to acquire work, prepare budget, scheduling, equipment acquisition, manpower acquisition, safety, and subcontract negotiations.

1999 – 2001

Felix Industries

Operations Manager

Supervised multiple projects in several states involving the installation of several hundred miles of fiber optic infrastructure with direct hire crews and subcontractors. All work completed safely, under budget & ahead of schedule. Established highly accurate "daily" cost tracking program.

1998 – 1999

Kiewit Construction

Superintendent

Planned, design-built and supervised numerous projects in several states involving the installation of several hundred miles of fiber optic infrastructure and associated roadway replacement with direct hire crews and subcontractors. All work completed safely, under budget and ahead of schedule.

1995 – 1998

Kiewit Construction

Superintendent

Supervised the union laborers, union electricians and several subcontractors on the Queensborough Bridge Rehabilitation project in Manhattan. Successfully held the liaison position for the general contractor in dealing with the stewards for the laborers, painters, and teamsters. Was awarded Kiewit's prestigious Superintendent of the Year award. All work completed safely, under budget and ahead of schedule.

1993 – 1995

Kiewit Industrial

Superintendent

Field Supervisor for structural and civil crews on the largest concrete based offshore oil platform in the world. Specific activities supervised were heavy crane picks (50+ tons), structural steel component installations.

1992 – 1993

Conoco Oil Company

Construction Advisor

Supervised subcontract crews on a land-based oilfield project above the Arctic Circle in Russia that included construction of temporary camps, well drilling pads, permanent roads, ice roads, helicopter pads, processing pads, processing facilities and pipeline facilities.

1989 – 1992

Blake Construction Co.

Asst. Superintendent

Extensive hands on civil and architectural field engineering, field crew management and subcontract administration in the construction of numerous commercial and medical facilities from layout to completion of punch list.

1986 – 1989

Kiewit Industrial, Co.

Asst. Superintendent

Extensive hands on civil and structural field engineering, field crew management and subcontract administration in the construction of numerous industrial power plant facilities from layout to completion of punch list. Primary responsibilities were for self-performing mass structural concrete and erected structural steel.

1983 – 1986

Landis Construction Co.

Field Engineer

Extensive hands on civil and architectural field engineering, field crew management & subcontract administration in the construction of numerous commercial and industrial facilities from layout to completion of punch list. Heavily involved in survey, concrete installation, interior hardware, and finish construction, etc.

1980 – 1983

Landis Construction Co.

Laborer

Union laborer and concrete finisher, learning the hands-on basics of heavy commercial construction.

Licensing:

Licensed General Contractor – Florida
Licensed Underground Contractor – Florida
Licensed General Contractor – Alabama
Licensed General Contractor – Mississippi
Licensed General Contractor - Louisiana
Licensed General Contractor – Hawaii
Licensed General Contractor – Utah
Licensed Solar Contractor – California
Licensed General Contractor – Arizona
Licensed General Contractor - Guam
Licensed Electrical Contractor – Guam
Licensed Solar Contractor – Guam
Licensed General Contractor – Nevada
Licensed General Contractor – North Carolina
Licensed General Contractor – South Carolina (In Progress)

Representative Experience in Litigation and Construction Performance/ Productivity Improvement:

2024

ArcVera

Expert Witness

Serving as the primary expert witness on a multimillion-dollar claim tendered by a Canadian General Contractor against a Canadian Power Development Company.

2023

Liberty Power/Elite NRG

On-site Owner's CM

Served as the on-site owners representative for Liberty Power/Algonquin, overseeing the "startup of construction" on a 180 MW solar power generation facility and associated substation being constructed by PCL, in central Ohio. Provided daily reports, daily ground photos and weekly drone photos capturing the manpower, equipment, procurement efforts and project progress. Assisted Liberty by identifying where the contractor was trying to take advantage of situations to generate change orders. Worked with Liberty upper management to mitigate the contractor's opportunities, when not warranted. Successfully acted as liaison between the Owner, General Contractor and several landowners that were highly volatile and non-project friendly.

2022

GlidePath/Elite NRG

On-site Owner's PM

Served as the on-site owners representative for GlidePath, overseeing the installation of a 40 MW battery storage facility and associated substation by RES, in central Texas. Provided daily reports, daily ground photos and weekly drone photos capturing the manpower, equipment, procurement efforts and project progress from ground breaking to energization. Led mitigation efforts with the general contractor and Owner in order to overcome serious financial obstacles encountered due to engineering issues, lack of Procurement planning and scheduling impacts which were able to be avoided with no diminishment to project quality and achieving substantial cost savings.

2021

GlidePath/Elite NRG

Served as the on-site owners representative for GlidePath, overseeing the rehabilitation and upgrading of first generation, lattice tower wind farm in Palm Springs California. Provided daily reports, daily ground photos and weekly drone photos capturing the manpower, equipment, procurement efforts and project progress as the O&M contractor, Nextera repaired turbines and brought them back online in the wake of a catastrophic failure and collapse of a turbine, which shut the entire project down. Successfully shot technical photos of each turbine's blades in numerous configurations for distribution to and review by some of the wind industry's most respected blade experts for analysis on whether or not the blades could remain in use or needed to be replaced. After 8 months of rehabilitation, this wind farm was systematically put back online and was generating revenue at the highest rate that it had ever achieved.

References:

John Badeusz	Senior Vice-President	RWE
Craig Nicks	Senior Project Manager	RWE
Jared Cooley	Director of Construction	Brookfield
Buddy Cummings	Former Owner	Worldwind & Solar
Nikki Cummings	Former Owner	Worldwind & Solar

Certifications:

OSHA 30 Hour Certified
CPR/First Aid/AED Certified
High Angle Rescue & Tower Safety Certified
Confined Space - Certified
MUTCD Certified
SWPPP Certified

Education:

National – Lewis University	Graduated – 4 Year Bachelor of Arts Degree in Management
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Association Memberships:

Associated Builders and Contractors
ACP - American Clean Power
SEIA - Solar Energy Industries Association
