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I grew up in Carroll, a town in west central Iowa and eventually earned my Civil Engineering degree from Iowa State University. At graduation I took a position as a field engineer for a heavy highway construction company and moved to Topeka, Kansas. Shortly thereafter I married my college sweetheart Kelly and moved her to Topeka to join me. After several years of living on the road and working short 72 hour weeks, I took a position with Terracon and moved to Olathe, Kansas. My primary duties involved pavement evaluation projects around the country. When that position was being moved to Chicago, I elected not to follow it, taking a position with a civil engineering firm focusing on rail and rail yard design.

A few years later, the opportunity to move back to Terracon was available and I rejoined them as a construction materials engineer. Since then I have been promoted to Senior Associate and Construction Materials Engineering and Testing Department Manager. I manage a staff of approximately 35 technicians and professionals performing construction observation and materials testing services. I am a registered Professional Engineer in both Kansas and Missouri, and consult on materials issues (pavements specifically) for many of Terracon's nationwide network of offices.

I am active in APWA, serve on the ACEC/APWA partnering committee and currently hold the title of Grand Champion of the APWA's annual BBQ contest. I spend as much of my limited free time as I can with my family. I serve as the Troop Committee Chairman for my 12 year old son Jake's Boy Scout troop. My son and I camp monthly and regularly go hiking. I also enjoy completing the never ending list of home improvement chores, though my wife would argue with use of the word "completing".