

Iraj Ghaemi, C.E., P.E., CCM

Managing Director

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Iraj Ghaemi is the Managing Director of iConnectEngineers®, providing executive program management advisory services for the aviation and transportation capital development programs throughout the project life cycle.

- ✓ National Chair of the Board of Directors, Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) - (2019-Present)
- ✓ Vice President, Aviation Sector Manager – North America, SNC-Lavalin Atkins (2018-2020)
- ✓ Subcommittee member promoting strategic partnership for Alternative Project Delivery Methods, Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) and the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) (2017-2018)
- ✓ Director – Facilities Development Department, San Diego Regional Airport Authority (2005-2018)
- ✓ Chairman of the San Diego County Regional Construction Procurement Committee (RCPC) - (2008-2018)
- ✓ Deputy Director – Facilities Development Department, San Diego Regional Airport Authority (2003-2005)
- ✓ Assistant Director – Engineering, San Diego Unified Port District (1997-2003)
- ✓ Held senior engineering and program/project management roles, including Senior Associate, Regional Manager for a multidiscipline international consulting firm in the private sector (1979-1989)
- ✓ Key contributor to planning, organizing, executing and supporting construction initiatives for multibillion-dollar transportation engagements.
- ✓ Hands-on expertise in global transportation practices, merger and acquisition support, manpower planning, talent acquisition, alternative project delivery methods and sustainability, and liaison experience with contractors.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science, Engineering
– Brigham Young University

LICENSES

California Professional Civil
Engineering Registration

Arizona Professional Civil
Engineering Registration

Certified Construction Manager

AFFILIATIONS

National Chair Board of Directors,
Construction Management
Association of America (CMAA)

Former Chairman of the San
Diego County Regional
Construction Procurement
(RCPC)

Subcommittee member promoting
strategic partnership for Alternative
Project Delivery Methods, CMAA
and the Design-Build Institute of
America (DBIA)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Project Concern International (PCI)

Prior to joining **iConnectEngineers®**, Mr. Ghaemi served as the Vice President, Aviation Sector Manager, North America, at SNC-Lavalin Atkins. He joined Atkins in 2018 where he was responsible for directing and overseeing the Atkins Aviation Sector in the US. His main concentration was to provide leadership, direction and guidance to project directors and managers within the aviation sector to ensure proper execution of the programs and projects. He has over 38 years of experience managing successful programs and directing diverse teams of professionals to deliver over \$6 billion in various projects.

Mr. Ghaemi is also the national Chair of the Board of Director for Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) with more than 16,000 members and 30 regional chapters across the country. CMAA includes individual professionals, professional service companies, and construction owners in the public and private sectors, as well as academic and associate members.

In his prior position as the Director of Facilities Development at the San Diego Regional Airport Authority, he was responsible for the leadership, planning and comprehensive implementation of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), worth over \$1 billion. His responsibilities included effectively managing workforce planning, which consisted of comprehensive program management and staff augmentation, funding allocation, contractor interaction, project management control system, program scheduling and performing quality control. Before being named director in 2005, he worked as Deputy Director of Facilities Development for two years.

Prior to holding these positions, Iraj was the Assistant Director of Engineering at Port of San Diego. While there, he managed a staff of 38 professionals and a \$6.8 million annual operating budget for acquiring and deploying funding for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Major Maintenance Program (MMP). The CIP program averaged about 40 projects per year with a budget of approximately \$200 million.

Mr. Ghaemi is also the former Chairman, of San Diego County Regional Construction Procurement Committee (RCPC). RCPC was created in 2006 and provides close working relationships among regional agencies (over 25 members including SANDAG, Caltrans, County of San Diego, City of San Diego, Transit Authority, Navy, UCSD, etc.). The RCPC fosters an environment that encourages a collaborative effort to understand regional issues and provides a framework to coordinate a collective effort to resolve them.

His first 16 years of industry experience prior to joining the public sector was in the private sector, which included being the Senior Associate, Regional Manager, for a multidiscipline international consulting firm. He was involved in diverse programs for large projects in transportation, water resources, structures, aviation, and infrastructure.

Iraj received his Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering from Brigham Young University and is a licensed and registered civil engineer both in California and Arizona. Iraj is also a Certified Construction Manager (CCM).

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