



**David H. Hinkston, PLS**

Chief Executive Officer

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David Hinkston rose to leadership as CEO of Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick (HLR) through 30 years of service and 11 different positions in the company including rodman, crew chief, project manager, corporate treasurer and executive vice president. He was elected to the Board of Directors in 1998 and elected CEO in 2006.

David oversees all management of HLR design and development, including project managers and staff. He provides guidance to HLR's staff for all engineering functions, including Phase I, II, and III transportation projects, traffic engineering, drainage engineering, structural engineering, and land surveying, as well as proposal, plan, and agreement review.

Through his collaborative approach to engineering, David works with employees and clients to maintain quality of service, while doing innovative work. This is evidenced by HLR's numerous awards, including 2007 ACEC Merit Awards and APWA Project of the Year Awards for the Sullivan Road Bridge in Aurora and the Kelsey Road Bridge over Flint Creek in Lake County.

He also oversees all business administration for the two locations of HLR including visioning with officers, overseeing the firm's legal procedures, and managing office-to-office communications. Under David's leadership, HLR has grown steadily. David has positioned the organization to expand and grow further, especially in the areas of drainage and hydraulics, structural engineering services, and Phase III work.

**Engineering Expertise**

David's expertise in surveying, negotiating and the legalities of property acquisition has helped him lead right-of-way projects across the state. As a registered Professional Land Surveyor in Illinois, his leadership has increased HLR's surveying business by more than 50% over the past 15 years. David has served as direct liaison with clients for projects including:

- Surveying for the Elgin-O'Hare Expressway
- Route 83 right-of-way acquisitions
- I-90 and I-294 survey control and centerline definition
- Executing various projects for IDOT system-wide
- Acquisition of thousands of acres for the DeKalb Airport

Through more than 30 years of experience, David brings HLR clients invaluable knowledge, skills and experience including:

- Extensive knowledge of northeast Illinois and collar counties
- Using computer modeling to solve engineering and surveying problems
- Performing boundary and right-of-way surveys for municipal clients
- Administering field checks for sewer and waterlines for construction projects

- Developing and administering surveying contracts including transportation improvements, infrastructure improvements and right-of-way acquisition
- Administering contracts with other professional consultants for the design and construction of transportation improvements

David is familiar with municipal and governmental policies and procedures, and has frequently coordinated projects for local and federal agencies through IDOT's Bureau of Land Acquisition.

### **Responsiveness and Communication**

David's first initiative as CEO involved an expansive customer survey sent to public agency engineering managers across Illinois. Through listening to HLR's present, past and prospective customers, David helped HLR set a course for the future that revolves around the unique needs of municipalities and communities.

Through David's big-picture leadership and commitment to providing staff with challenging and rewarding work, he has helped foster longevity among staff members. HLR's employees have served an average of eight years, with many serving more than 20.

### **Public Service**

David is an active member of numerous organizations including Illinois Professional Land Surveyors Association, American Congress on Surveying and Mapping, National Society of Professional Surveyors, and the American Public Works Association, for which he served on the Awards Committee.

Through personally working with contractors, city and county engineers, as well as IDOT and Tollway staff, David has forged a deep commitment to community service. An alumnus of Parkland College, David has done gratis work for local park districts and school systems.

### **More About Dave**

David enjoys golf, photography, building furniture and woodcarving in his spare time.

"I'm looking forward to continuing the vision of Dick Hampton, Bob Lenzini & Herb Renwick and carrying HLR's values of integrity, service and quality into the future."