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## Background

Joe Zaatar, P.E., is a Manager in the Construction and Real Estate Advisory Services practice of Ernst & Young LLP. He is a Licensed Professional Engineer (PE) and has over seven years of experience advising or interacting on behalf of clients for large scale engineering and construction project developments, from Conceptual Planning through Project Execution, Strategy, Implementation (PMO) and Post Implementation Reviews or Claim Disputes Management. Joe possesses significant experience with the Development of Engineering Contracts, Plans and Specifications, Cost Control Analysis & Estimations; Project Planning & Critical Path Scheduling; Risk and Change Management; Labor Productivity Management and Construction Methods Optimization.

## Skills & Qualifications

- ▶ Bachelors of Science (BS) in Civil Engineering, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago IL
- ▶ Master of Engineering (ME) in Civil Engineering, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago IL
- ▶ Professional Engineer (PE), IL License No. 062-06578

## Relevant experience

- ▶ Providing Project Management Oversight (PMO) services / real estate development advisory services for a multinational confectionery, food and beverage conglomerate's newest and largest facility in Mexico; \$765M LEED Silver, 120 Acre Greenfield; 2 M SF Food Manufacturing Bakery and Distribution Center. Engagement duties included:
  - Strategic consulting on Contract Execution Strategy;
  - Develop the Project Management Plan;
  - Oversee the Procurement & Design Management processes;
  - Source selection due diligence on vendors and contractors;
  - Cost estimating and control / cash flow management;
  - Development and management of schedule for all work scopes;
  - Value Engineering and Constructability Advisory
  - Risk & Change Management (achieving buy-out savings of ≈5%); and
  - Management reporting at project and executive levels.
- ▶ Engaged in a PMO for a government operated \$70M annual transportation infrastructure improvement program. Provided program and construction management services on several aspects including engineering design and construction management, labor productivity analysis, program risk management, schedule management and also technology adaptation proposals and implementations.
- ▶ Engaged in a PMO for the design and construction of a \$1B+ airport modernization megaproject. Providing program and construction management services on project aspects including construction contract governance, design management, vendor analysis, and construction claim dispute management.
- ▶ Provided construction consulting services to greater than 20 significant Capital Infrastructure improvement projects (1M-500M+), gaining exposure across all facets of project execution including governance, design management, procurement and scope management, estimating, cost management, risk management, and schedule management.