

## **ATTACHMENT A**

Van Scoyoc Associates, Biographies of Consultants

### **PROJECT MANAGER**

**Steve Palmer**, Vice President, will continue to serve as the team leader and primary consultant for the Port of Oakland. Mr. Palmer, who has been at VSA for more than 21 years and knows the East Bay and Oakland very well. In addition to his work for the Port of Oakland, he has advocated for more than 20 years for AC Transit, working closely with Representatives Barbara Lee, Mark DeSaulnier, and Eric Swalwell. He also advocates for other airport and transportation agencies, including the Wayne County (Detroit) Airport Authority and John Wayne Airport in Orange County, as well as Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART), and Dallas Area Rapid Transit. He previously was the federal representative for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, as well as Tampa International Airport, and Sacramento International Airport.

Prior to coming to VSA, Mr. Palmer was confirmed by the United States Senate to be DOT Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs, the key legislative strategist for the Secretary of Transportation. Working on a bipartisan basis with the Congress over five years, he advocated for the passage of legislation such as several FAA authorization and airport security bills, the multi-year surface transportation bill known as TEA-21, the annual appropriations bill, as well as legislation affecting the airport, transit, highway, rail, pipeline, and motor carrier industries. While at DOT, he testified before the Congress and worked extensively with officials at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the White House. This broad range of experience has given Mr. Palmer a unique understanding of how Executive Branch departments and Congress work and where decisions are made.

Before going to DOT, Mr. Palmer served ten years in senior staff positions on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, including three years as Staff Director of the Aviation Subcommittee, where he helped draft and negotiate several FAA Reauthorization bills.

He came to Washington, D.C. after being selected through a national competition to serve as a Presidential Management Fellow. Mr. Palmer received his Bachelor of Arts in political science from Kalamazoo College in Michigan. He earned a Masters of Public Affairs from the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin.

### **KEY STAFF**

**John Anderson**, Vice President, provides valued advice to Van Scoyoc Associates clients, drawing on a career spent navigating water resources policy issues both at the Army Corps of Engineers and in Congress. Mr. Anderson advises public and private sector clients on a wide range of water resources issues including infrastructure development, conservation and management, water pollution control, and hazardous waste cleanup, as well as flood risk management, shoreline restoration, port and inland

waterways navigation, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and clean water. Former Chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Congressman Bill Shuster, called John “one of Congress’ foremost staff experts on our Nation’s ports and waterways infrastructure and federal water resources programs.”

As a VSA Vice President, Mr. Anderson blends his knowledge of the institutional processes involved in water resources policy and his relationships with key decision-makers to offer clients unique insights in federal advocacy. He helps clients develop custom, multi-faceted strategies designed to achieve goals and then works tirelessly to help them execute.

Mr. Anderson began his federal service career with the civil works program of the Army Corps of Engineers, serving the Corps in Memphis and Savannah before coming to Headquarters in Washington to work as legislative liaison for the agency. After more than 20 years with the Corps, Mr. Anderson spent 15 years as a T&I Committee staffer – ultimately serving as Staff Director for the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment. For his work, Mr. Anderson has received several awards including a Commanders Award for Public Service and a Secretary of the Army Commendation. Upon his retirement from federal service Mr. Anderson was honored to receive the Silver de Fleury Medal for exceptional career service to the Army Corps of Engineers.

A native of North Carolina, Mr. Anderson earned both a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Geoff Bowman**, Vice President, is one of the nation’s leading policy authorities on water resources and infrastructure policy. Having spent 15 years as a Professional Staff Member on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and almost 20 years total in various senior staff executive positions in the House of Representatives, Mr. Bowman offers clients an insider’s perspective on the policy, players, and politics involved in those issues.

Before joining VSA, Mr. Bowman was the Staff Director of the House Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee, where he shepherded passage of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act of 2016. Prior to that, he was instrumental in the passage of WRDA 2007 and WRRDA 2014. Mr. Bowman has also worked closely with the many federal agencies under the Committee’s jurisdiction, including the Army Corps of Engineers and EPA.

Mr. Bowman’s nearly two decades of water and infrastructure policy experience make him a valuable resource to states, communities, and other organizations looking to partner with the federal government. He is able to guide clients through both the legislative process and the bureaucracy at the Corps, EPA, and other relevant federal agencies.

Mr. Bowman spent his formative years in the House working for former Representative Walter Jones of North Carolina. He lives with his wife, 2 young daughters, and 2 dogs in Annapolis, Maryland.

**Brian Robinson** serves as Director, Government Relations and General Counsel, where his primary responsibilities include close contact with the firm's clients and with congressional and agency staff, and research and analysis of a broad range of federal issues.

Brian spent over five years on Capitol Hill as Legislative Counsel for both Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee and the late-Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald. In this capacity, he advised the Members on appropriations, transportation, veteran, military affairs, and judicial issues. Brian also served as Congresswoman Millender-McDonald's liaison with the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, developing a firm grasp of transportation policy and the legislative process, while preparing for committee proceedings.

In addition to his congressional experience, Brian served in the United States Army Reserves. Brian held various command and staff positions of increasing responsibility, including during Operation Iraqi Freedom, where he was awarded a Bronze Star. He routinely supervised and directed 10 to 100 subordinates in combat and noncombat support units.

**David Haines** serves as Director of Government Relations at VSA with a focus on homeland security, economic development and governmental issues. Prior to joining VSA, hespentalmostfiveyearsworkingintheSenateandHouseofRepresentatives. After working almost two years with a Republican Congressman who is a senior Member of the House Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Haines also served as Legislative Assistant to former Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX). He was the policy adviser on a variety of issues.

In addition to his work with the Port of Oakland, David works extensively with the Santa Clara VTA, Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit, City of Palo Alto, and Orange and San Diego Counties. During his more than seven years at VSA he works directly with senior officials at the Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies on security and disaster mitigation efforts. He also provides analysis of legislation, monitors congressional hearings, and works to find advantages for clients on competitive grant opportunities.