



Rex Porter, General Manager, Porter Group LLC

Rex has extensive experience in grant project management, grant research and writing and federal and local government grant management.

He was a watershed, water quality and salmon recovery project manager for the Island County Public Works and Planning departments. He previously led several federal Department State and Defense acquisition programs, as well as, federal and state grant-funded energy and environmental projects. His federal background focused on air pollution, non-point water pollution and energy reduction efforts.

Rex currently serves on the Island County Shoreline Master Plan Committee and the Northwest Straits Marine Conservation Initiative Commission. Current clients in the areas of energy, ecology and research include the San Diego Zoological Society, Klamath Water and Power Agency, U.S. Navy Medical Research Center and others. He has undergraduate and graduate degrees in business and a Master of Science in Systems Management.



Dan Clarkson, Director, Energy Efficiency Finance Corp.

Dan Clarkson is an attorney specializing in corporate and project finance in the energy sector and government relations. He is currently engaged in business development with local governments, developing energy efficiency programs. Dan has worked with programs implemented by Bellingham/Whatcom County, Sustainable Works (for King, Pierce & Spokane Counties), Kitsap and Snohomish Counties and Bainbridge Island EE finance programs.

Dan graduated from Harvard Law School in 1990 and worked eight years with the Washington State Department of Ecology. Prior to joining EEFC, Dan co-founded a publicly traded waste-to-energy company, Prometheus Energy, that converts landfill and other waste gases to liquid bio-methane used to fuel transit buses.

Energy Efficiency Finance Corporation (EEFC) is a financial advisory firm and provides the expertise to design energy efficiency and renewable energy finance programs for governments, non-profits, utilities & development agencies. These programs help energy users of all types to invest in energy efficiency and small scale renewable projects. EEFC can help identify strategies to leverage public funds and to develop partnerships with financial institutions that result in significant private investment.



Stuart Simpson, Energy Engineer, Dept. of General Administration

Stuart Simpson has been with the State of Washington for 30 years, 15 years with the State Energy Office, and the last 15 years at the Energy Section of Engineering and Architectural Services, Dept. of General Administration (GA). Stu has been a project manager for Energy Performance Contracting Projects for over 13 years working with local governments, ports, school districts, community colleges, and universities.

Stu co-authored a Resource Conservation Management (RCM) Guidebook, a joint project between GA and Oregon Office of Energy. The guidebook is a useful tool for school districts, colleges and universities, as well as local governments trying to implement a RCM program.

Stu is a LEED Accredited Professional. His duties at General Administration have included: Project Management of Energy Performance Contracting projects and the Sustainable Building Advisor responsible for implementation of the High Performance Public Building Statute.

Stu's interest in Green Building led to his role as GA's liaison with the US Green Building Council in 1999 when the state first became a member. He is a founding member of the Cascadia Regional Green Building Council where he served on the board from 2000 to 2002. He also completed the Sustainable Building Advisor program in 2001. He has a BS in Environmental Geology from Western Washington University.



Derek Long, Executive Director, Sustainable Connections

Derek Long has a track record of entrepreneurship and program development in government, for profit and non-profit sectors. Most recently he co-founded Sustainable Connections in 2002. Derek was the Program & Development Director from 2002 to 2009 where he started and grew many key programs and initiatives, as well as, holding the primary responsibility of funding the organization.

Derek served as the first co-National Coordinator of the Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE) from 2002 to 2003, a national alliance of local business networks. BALLE's mission is to create, strengthen and connect local business networks dedicated to building strong Local Living Economies.

Derek's position with the Federal Reserve Bank from 1997 to 1999 involved the management of multiple financial and logistical systems, developing productive interdepartmental working relationships and driving a vision of the Bank's developing role as an industry leader in electronic payments. He also had a successful first career in marketing and sales management with Rhone-Poulenc-Rorer. He earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with honors from the University of Toledo in 1991.



Shawn Collins, Community Energy Challenge Manager, Whatcom County Opportunity Council

Shawn has been working in the non-profit sector throughout the Pacific Northwest for the past eight years. He has been with the Opportunity Council since 2006, working on projects that have included the development of an education program regarding telecommunication consumer rights, the coordination of the Basic Food Education and Outreach program for Whatcom County, and fundraising for the agency through authoring grants for private and public funding, as well as, working to coordinate events

such as the Dorothy Place Luncheon and the School Supply Drive.

Shawn's involvement with the Community Energy Challenge has ranged from the initial program design and grant writing to database design and contractor management. He manages a team of three staff members responsible for the service delivery of the residential side of the program.

Prior to his involvement with the Opportunity Council, he worked for the Skagit County Community Action agency for two years where he helped develop a public relations and communication strategy for the agency and managed a variety of programs benefitting low-income populations. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English at Eastern Illinois University.



Cara Pike, Director, The Social Capital Project

The Social Capital Project creates innovative public engagement research, outreach models and training programs for environmental, climate and energy practitioners. Cara founded the Social Capital Project when she served as Vice President of Communications for Earthjustice, the nation's leading public interest environmental law firm. Ms. Pike speaks broadly on green marketing and social change, and contributed to Strategies for the Green Economy by Joel Makower. She serves on the advisory board for the Stonehouse Standing Circle, a group of leading experts in communications and

behavior change, as well as on the board of the Hollyhock Educational Retreat Center. Cara has a Masters of Science in Environmental Communications and a Bachelor's of Arts in Film and Communications and Environmental Science.