



David Zekveld

David Zekveld is the Director of Business Development at Aecon Nuclear and has nearly 20 years of experience across Canada's nuclear industry. He holds a Bachelor of Nuclear Engineering from Ontario Tech University and an MBA from Purdue University. Throughout his career, David has worked across the nuclear value chain, including utility owner/operator, engineering, project developer, major nuclear construction/refurbishment, new nuclear, isotope production, and strategic business development. He has supported projects for organizations including OPG, Bruce Power, NB Power, SaskPower, Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL), a host of isotope companies and international nuclear clients. David is actively engaged in advancing Canada's nuclear sector through industry collaboration, supply chain development, Indigenous economic participation, and the deployment of new nuclear technologies. His experience spans technical, commercial, and leadership roles, enabling him to bring a broad industry perspective and a strong commitment to the continued growth and global competitiveness of Canada's nuclear industry.

I am seeking election to the OCNi Board of Directors because I believe Canada is at a pivotal moment for its nuclear industry. Across Canada - and the world - utilities, governments, and industry partners are making significant investments in nuclear energy to support energy security, economic growth and decarbonization. These opportunities have the potential to create meaningful and lasting benefits for Canadian companies, but their success will depend on the strength, capability, and competitiveness of our domestic nuclear supply chain. OCNi has long played a vital role in connecting industry participants and helping transform relationships into business opportunities. Its mission is more important today than ever - there has never been a better time to "turn contacts into contracts". As new nuclear projects move from concept to planning and execution, Canadian suppliers must be positioned not only to participate, but to lead. As a Director of Business Development for Aecon Nuclear, I work at the intersection of project owners, constructors, engineering organizations, technology developers, Indigenous partners, and – most importantly - suppliers. Aecon's leadership role in delivering some of Canada's largest and most complex nuclear projects provides me with firsthand insight into future project opportunities, supply chain requirements, and the factors that drive successful project delivery. This perspective enables me to understand both the needs of project sponsors and the challenges faced by suppliers seeking to grow within the nuclear market. If elected, I will focus on helping OCNi strengthen connections between the supply chain, project owners and major contractors, while supporting initiatives that improve supplier readiness, capability development, and access to new opportunities. I will advocate for a strong, resilient, and globally competitive Canadian nuclear

supply chain that is prepared to support the next generation of nuclear projects both domestically and internationally. I believe my experience across utilities, engineering, construction, project development, and business development, combined with my commitment to industry collaboration, will allow me to contribute a practical and results-oriented perspective to the OCN Board. Most importantly, I am passionate about helping OCN continue to deliver value for its members and ensuring that Canada's nuclear growth translates into opportunities for Canadian companies.