

Beyond Borders, Beyond Expectations

Co-Author Bios

Bio #1 Jim Bohling, DBIA

Jim Bohling is a Senior Project Manager with Hensel Phelps Construction Co., possessing extensive experience managing project from concept to completion. With over 20 years at Hensel Phelps, Jim brings deep expertise in the successful delivery of multiple Land Port of Entry (LPOE) projects, including Mariposa, Calexico, and San Luis. His career progression reflects the evolution of contract delivery methods on these projects, including earning the DBIA Professional certification in 2022. Throughout his tenure, Jim has served in diverse roles across multiple LPOE projects, consistently driving the mindset shift essential for effective Design-Build implementation. His leadership and adaptability have fostered collaboration, innovation, and efficiency. Working closely with the broader project delivery team, Jim has played a pivotal role in advancing delivery methodologies for LPOEs along the Southern U.S. border.

Bio #2 Jacob Benyi, AIA, LEEP AP

Jacob Benyi joined Jones Studio in 2002, elevating to Principal in 2014, and President in 2025. Starting as an intern while attending Arizona State University and later attending Columbia University through his rise to Principal, he leaves an indelible mark on every project he undertakes by leading design teams and overseeing a wide breadth of project types. Jacob manages some of the studio's largest projects including the GSA Land Port of Entry projects, while simultaneously leading the studio's daily operations. His attention to detail, clear communication, and commitment to providing excellent service are invaluable to Jones Studio's work. Jacob's experience leading highly complex projects and engaging with multitudes of stakeholders allows the studio to consistently deliver design excellence, regardless of size or budget. Jacob collaborated with Hensel Phelps during the Construction Administration of the Mariposa Land Port of Entry, and then went on to manage the design teams for the Otay Mesa, Pacific Highway, San Luis, and Douglas Commercial LPOE's all under the Design Build delivery method.

Bio #3 Emma Harrison, PE, QSD, ENV SP, DBIA

Emma Harrison is a professional civil engineer with over 11 years of experience specializing in design-build project delivery, complex site development, and collaborative infrastructure development. Specific to land ports of entry along the southern border, Emma's design-build experience spans major infrastructure projects, including her roles as Project Manager for the civil engineering improvements of Otay Mesa, San Luis I, and Calexico West Phase 2B, where she

has coordinated complex design efforts across multiple agencies and disciplines including GSA, CBP, local municipalities, UPRR, and the US Bureau of Reclamation. Her technical background of holistic design approach, combined with her understanding of design-build delivery processes, enables her to effectively bridge the gap between design intent and construction reality while maintaining strong collaborative relationships with clients, agencies, and project stakeholders. Throughout her career, Emma has demonstrated quality project management skills on complex infrastructure projects, while promoting the essentials of Design-Build Done Right. Emma achieved certification as a DBIA Designated Design-Build Professional in 2024.

Bio #4 Michael Krzysik

Michael Krzysik is a Senior Operations Manager with over 20 years of experience specializing in design-build project delivery of electrical systems. He has overseen complex, large-scale projects across diverse environments. His career includes extensive work with multiple project owners and federal entities, including NAVFAC, USACE, GSA & CBP, where he has successfully navigated the unique requirements and standards of each organization. His proven track record of aligning technical execution with strategic objectives has made him a trusted leader in advancing construction operations and delivering mission-critical facilities.