

MBS Engineering, Inc. Names Jocelyn Powell as CEO

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She started as a Project Administrator in this industry and found herself advancing her skillset and title during notable projects such as Caltrans Oakland San Francisco Bay Bridge Project, PG&E Pipeline Safety Enhance Plan Program, PG&E Community Pipeline Safety Initiative, and the PG&E Geohazard Project.

“As someone who has lived in the Bay Area for most of my life, I’m invested in my community. That’s what gives my job purpose. My mission with MBS is to create a fluid workspace that is dedicated to efficiency, and detail and to serve my community through safety and quality assurance.”

Fast forward a year from when she started, and Jocelyn is now Chief Executive Officer and a partner with founder Brian James. A role she was seemingly destined for with her tenacious work savvy and people skills. With the change in leadership, MBS has recently been certified as a Woman & Minority Business Enterprise. In addition to the new certifications, Jocelyn continues to embrace the details of running a fast-paced company which includes business management, contracts, certifications, safety, accounting, staffing, and everything in between.

With Powell at the helm, James continues to lead the team with his extensive technical knowledge of special projects. One such project is private power generation, which is set to reach new heights in 2023. Simply put, the market is changing, and customers are driving the demand for grid independence, efficiency, and lower costs. While MBS has over ten years of experience with microturbines, turbines, and reciprocating engines the recent surge has presented even more complex projects including microgrid installations.

The positive influence of community and safety doesn’t stop there. Working at MBS is to embrace those very same values the company was built upon. Dan Whaley-President and Logan Baron-Director of

Project Management and Growth, continue to lead the core business with a wealth of engineering and safety experience. In an almost mind-reading manner, the two pivot from one topic to the next to discuss the intricacies of each project. This is no easy task as MBS offers a wide range of services including Natural Gas Services, Plumbing Services, Pipe Installations, Asphalt & Concrete, Micro Turbines, Excavation & Potholing, and Gas System Seismic Safety.

The synergy MBS has now reached with balancing an ever-growing business is remarkable. The team runs like a well-choreographed sports team with everybody embracing success and challenges. Observing the team, they are communicating and pitching in to help each other. That includes taking the floor manager on well-deserved breaks during the day.

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