# Transparency, Inclusion, and Teamwork: Successful \$409 Million 2018 Bond Program Implementation at Omaha Public Schools.

Jacobs will discuss the approach used to successfully implement program management services within an urban and changing K-12 environment that resulted in building transformational relationships beyond business transactions and earned trust through transparency and credibility. More than implementation of best practices and processes is needed to achieve impactful results. To meet the client's commitments to students, staff and community, transparent communication is a critical component of the success experienced.





#### Mark Sommer, Jacobs Program Director

For the past 19 years, Mark has spent his career working to enhance the lives of others by supporting mission-driven clients and programs that serve the community. He's led teams to successfully complete large capital programs that involved multiple facilities, leadership teams, and communities. This experience allows him to transparently communicate to publicly elected Boards, community members and internal stakeholders. Mark utilizes his knowledge of best practices and processes to develop innovative solutions for unique aspects of each project. With a passion for supporting the growth of young people, Mark also has worked diligently to create processes and systems that can support and maximize student engagement opportunities throughout the Omaha Public Schools' Bond Program he leads. Mark has his Bachelor of Construction Management from the University of Nebraska.



#### George Killian, Jacobs Design Manager

George brings 37 years of architectural experience, 25 years as a licensed professional architect. Throughout his career he has been involved in all aspects of new construction and remodel projects executing client interaction, programming, design, budgets, construction documents, contracts and finally construction administration. Through linear and vertical processes, he has managed and coordinated several different departments and entities to ensure successful projects. This has included, but was not limited to, the Nebraska Health and Human Services Agency, State Fire Marshall Office, State Electrical Inspector, State Elevator Inspector, in-house construction departments, local code officials, general contractors including sub-contractors, A/E firms and agency board or committees. Coordinating multiple projects simultaneously is one of his attributes along with good communication skills. He wants people to feel valued and everyone should have a voice. He takes the time to engage people individually and collectively to build consensus with positive conclusions.



#### **Cameron Gales, Jacobs Economic Inclusion Manager**

As an accomplished forward-thinking visionary leader, Cameron has been successful in developing creative ideas for businesses, with notable achievements in the design, coordination, and implementation of EI programs. He's overseen the successful implementation of EI programs for the \$2B City of Omaha, Nebraska Sewer Separation project and the \$800M+ Omaha Public School bond programs for Phases 1 and 2. With a decade of expertise in community relations, he thrives at supporting our clients in educating and training their teams on EI and implementing EI programs to provide meaningful opportunities to small businesses. Cameron has managed \$35M in small business contracts over the past three years and is the 2019 Midlands Business Journal 40 Under 40 winner. He has his Master of Public Administration from Bellevue University and his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History from Bethany College.



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# THE ESSENTIALS

Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Time: 7:30am - 9:00am

Breakfast and networking 7:30am - 8:00am

**Location:** Scott Conference Center

6450 Pine Street Omaha, Nebraska COST

DBIA Members:

\$25

Owners: Guests: \$25 \$30

Students:

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QUESTIONS?

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