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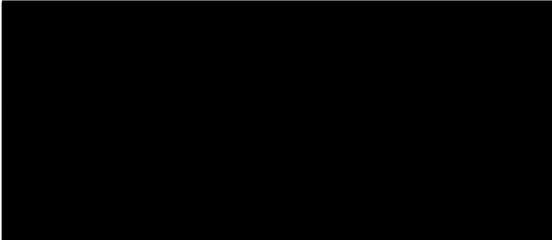
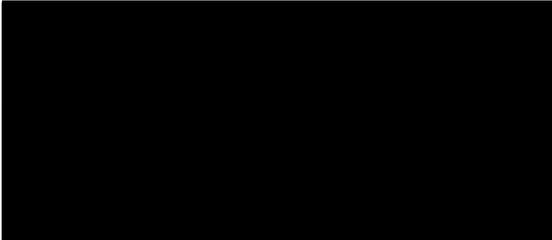
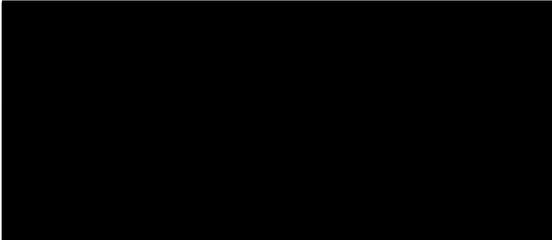
Advisory Group Application

Step 1

Application for Appointment to Whatcom County Advisory Groups

Public Statement

THIS IS A PUBLIC DOCUMENT: As a candidate for a public advisory group, the information provided will be available to the County Council, County Executive, and the public. All advisory group members are expected to be fair, impartial, and respectful of the public, County staff, and each other. Failure to abide by these expectations may result in revocation of appointment and removal from the appointive position.

Title	Mr.
First Name	Douglas
Last Name	Bestle
Today's Date	12/21/2025
Street Address	
City	
Zip	
Do you live in Whatcom County?	
Do you have a different mailing address?	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Primary Telephone	
Secondary Telephone	
Email Address	

Step 2

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|---|---|
| 1. Name of Advisory Group | Veteran's Advisory Board |
| 2. Do you meet the residency, employment, and/or affiliation requirements of the position for which you're applying? | Yes |
| 3. Which Council district do you live in? | District 2 |
| 4. Have you ever been a member of this Advisory Group | Yes |
| If yes, please list dates: | 2015-2014 |
| 5. Do you or your spouse have a financial interest in or are you an employee or officer of any business or agency that does business with Whatcom County? | No |
| 6. Have you declared candidacy (as defined by RCW 42.17A.055) for a paid elected office in any jurisdiction within the county? | No |
| You may attach a resume or detailed summary of experience, qualifications, & interest in response to the following questions | Bestle Resume 2025 R12.pdf |
| 7. Please describe your occupation (or former occupation if retired), qualifications, professional and/or community activities, and education | Retired
Current Volunteer Position: WCSO-DEM CERT Program Manager 2022 - present
See attached resume' for prior activity/experience |
| 8. Please describe why you're interested in serving on this Advisory Group. | Since my return from service in Vietnam my concerns for the well being of our group of veterans has been of strong. Our initial treatment by citizens of the US was troubling and our early support by VA on issues such as PTSD, Agent Orange and the mental health of our group of vets was not good. I became associated with the local chapter of the VVA and became their president for a few years - feeling like we were making progress. I was encouraged later to serve on the VAB |

and was appointed, but had to resign almost immediately when I was sent to Atlanta, Georgia for a year of work for my employer. I'd like to pick up where I left off and to serve to assist our local veteran community in any way I might be able to help. I believe this board is an important support piece in the veteran needs in Whatcom County.

References (please include daytime telephone number):



Appointment Requirements I understand and agree

Signature of applicant: Douglas P Bestle

Place Signed / Submitted Bellingham, Washington

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Douglas P. Bestle

CAREER PROFILE

PROJECT MANAGER / ENGINEER / COORDINATOR

Senior-level experience in running profitable and efficient multi-million dollar engineering and administrative projects for Petroleum/Petrochemical Engineering Firms. Responsible for leadership, training and motivation for teams specialized in various aspects of engineering design. Consistently successful at bringing in projects on or before schedule and under budget.

Excellent Team builder and organizational leader, with strong written and verbal communication skills and the ability to generate synergy among all levels of personnel. Pragmatic, focused and goal oriented with a cooperative and can-do management style. Unblemished reputation for professionalism and personal integrity. A very hard worker - willing to make the personal commitment and sacrifices necessary to accomplish each project at hand.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Project Manager/Project Engineer/Project Coordinator

CH2M HILL Engineering

21 Bellwether Way, Unit 111, Bellingham WA 98225 360-676-1500
(Formerly VECO USA Inc., Christenson Engineering Corp, Davy-McKee, Hallanger Engineers)



1982 to 2016

1978 to 1982

Key Project Manager responsible for proposal development, strategic planning and management for middle to small scale engineering projects. Experienced as Client Service Manager for a variety of clients. Skilled at recruiting, mentoring, training and supervising project teams.

Adept at handling budgets, staffing plans, project schedules/timelines, production and progress reporting. Proven leadership and goal setting for Team development and operation. Travel to site/facility locations for client interface and project development. Additionally; experienced in Instrumentation, Control Systems and Piping Design and worked assignments in Cost Control.

- Founding Publisher/Editor of the company newsletter – *The Beacon-Flash*
- Recipient of first Community Service Award
- Named Quality Improvement Person of the Quarter
- Over 20 years Perfect Attendance
- Founding member of the Quality Improvement Program committee
- Founder of annual Food Bank Drive at Christmas

Project Clients/Highlights

- **Ichthys INPEX Combined Cycle Power Plant – Darwin, AUS (2015) Project**
RFI Coord – Project TIC \$1.8B
- **Harris Group, Inc. (2013) Project Manager (PM) for two Boeing Everett projects – Steam Boiler Upgrade & Fuel Stall Surge Analysis – Total Engineering Budget - \$1MM**
- **Safety-Kleen, Chicago, IN (2015) –PM for an ethylene glycol recovery plant Pre-FEED study – TIC \$140K**
- **Sinclair Refining Co., WY (2014-5) – PE for Sour Water Stripper #3 unit installation – TIC \$7.4MM**
- **Statoil Leismer, Calgary, AB (2012) – Served as Project Engineer developing the Field Project Engineering team (11 total) from job descriptions, interviews and selection to on-boarding orientation and deployment.**
- **Wynnewood Refining Company, OK – Refinery Flare Knockout Drums Installation (2011) – Installed 7 new flare system knock out drums. Served as Detail Design Project Manager \$1.06MM (Engineering Budget)**
- **Shell Puget Sound Refinery, Anacortes, WA**
 - Benzene Reduction Unit - Project Engineer ISBL (2007-8) – Installation of a new refinery unit. Project came in on schedule and under budget. Project TIC \$95MM (Engineering Budget \$22MM)
 - Spent Caustic Loading Facility (2006) – Installed caustic truck loading facility Project TIC - \$955K
 - Condensate Recovery Project (2005-6) - Streamlining condensate recovery system. Project TIC - \$1.4 MM
- **BP Cherry Point, Blaine, WA – CVP Small Projects Team (on site in client PM role)**
 - So. Dock Crane Proj (2006-7) – Replace Marine Crane located on product loading dock. Proj TIC - \$1.7MM
 - Hydrocracker Unit 2300V MCC Switchgear Improvement Project (2006) – Installed MCC Switchgear building to replace outdated and unreliable Elliott style outdoor switch rack. Project TIC - \$2.5 MM
 - So. Dock Sump Replacement (2006-2008) – Removed old sump system and replaced with new fiberglass double hull tank and pumps. Project won the BP 2008 Environmental Stewardship Award. Project TIC - \$3.1 MM

Computers 4 People in Need (www.c4pin.org)

Technical Manager – 2019 to 2022

Duties include:

- Customer Order/Sales Processing of computers equipment
- Installation of Win10 Operating System & MS Office Suite
- Inventory & Accounting of on-site Computer Assets
- Record keeping/accounting for all product sales transactions
- Microsoft Refurbished requirements for Registering Certifications
- Responsible for development of Operating Procedures for enterprise processes
- Assist with electronics Tear-down and Recycling efforts
- Responsible for Server Upgrades and PXE Installation Setup
- Responsible for site Webpage maintenance



Project Management Institute – Mt. Baker Chapter

Board Member/VP of Membership/VP of Programs – 2005- 2016

Chapter President – 2009, 2012



Full commitment to serving in a leadership role to bring a total professional service experience to the members and interested parties in Bellingham. Attended Leadership Institute Meetings (LIM) in Salt Lake, Vancouver BC and Orlando. Attended and presented at District Conventions in Spokane, Eugene, Seattle and Calgary. Organized the very successful 10th Anniversary Celebration events for the Chapter, as well as the 2014 summer social event.

Kiwanis International – “*Serving the Children of the World*”

Member **Kiwanis Club of Bellingham** - 1987-2017 *

Board of Directors – 1988-1990

2nd V.P. - 1991, 1st V.P. - 1992

Distinguished **Club President** – 1993, 2015

Club Chairman for Community Services, Young Children Priority One Membership, Bulletin and Youth Committees

Distinguished Div 18 **Lt. Governor** – 1995

PNW **District Chairman** – Membership “Project 39” – 1996

PNW **District Chairman** – Youth Service – 1997

PNW **District Chairman** – Young Children Priority One – 1998, 2000

1999-00 **Governor’s Project Program Director**

International & District **Life Member** since 1995

Attended Ten **International Conventions** -

* Member of **Kiwanis Club of Bellingham-Meridian** – 2002-2004

(Seattle 88 - Indianapolis 92 & 15 – New Orleans 94 – Las Vegas 95 – Salt Lake City 96 – Montreal 98 – Denver 99 – Honolulu 05 – Vancouver BC 13)



- Recipient of Lt. Governor’s “Spark Plug” Award – 1989
- Recipient of Club Kiwanian of the Year Award – 1989
- Recipient of PNW Governor’s Award – 1996
- Recipient of the George M. Hixson Fellowship (International)
- Recipient of the Zeller Fellowship (Int’l)
- Recipient of the Mel Osborne Fellowship (Canadian)

Strong commitment and involvement with this Community Service volunteer organization. Four years serving as Pacific Northwest District Chairman (Youth, Membership, Young Children-Priority One) – overseeing training and education of the Lt. Governors and Clubs that span Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and small portions of Northern California and Idaho. Developed and provided materials, videos and presentations to members at Clubs, regional Zone Conferences, Board of Trustee Conferences and District Conventions. Liaison between Kiwanis partners (such as March of Dimes, Academy of Physicians, National SAFE KIDS, etc) and the Pacific Northwest District.

Project Highlights

- Organize and spearhead the most consistently successful Team in Bellingham for the **Salvation Army Walk-N-Knock**– Kiwanis and Sehome/BHS Key Clubs – **over 2,000 pounds collected each year** (since 1988)
- Organized the historic **Kiwanis/Rome Grange Political Forum** for 8 years
- Founding and Key committee member of the annual Parents Anonymous fundraiser, which has now become the **Brigid Collins Charity Auction**. Consistently responsible for decorating Team. This auction has progressed higher each year with **over \$2 million** raised in its 20 years as an Annual event (now professed to be one of the largest in Whatcom County).
- Co-chair for the Bellis Fair/Kiwanis **Safety and Parenting Fair** held for 3 years, bringing together agencies and information on parenting resources and assistance.
- As Program Director of the Governor’s Project developed District’s **first Service Bulletin** for Save-A-Child Emergency Information Sticker Project

Douglas P. Bestle

COMMUNITY SERVICE continued

Puget Power & Light Company Consumer Panel

Task Leader, Shelter Industry Relationship Task Force - 1989
Group Moderator, Whatcom County Consumer panel – 1990



Served as **Task Force Leader** responsible for gathering data, facilitating group consensus recommendations and preparing a final report to Puget Power under their **award winning** Customer Involvement Program. The group generated six recommendations after convening for about eight months. Following year, served as the overall **Group Moderator**, responsible for directing consensus efforts of the Task Leaders and for preparing the final report to Puget Power.



Brigid Collins House

Member of the **Board of Directors** – 2000-2005 Board **Secretary** - 2001
Board **Vice-President** – 2002 Board **President** - 2003
Annual Auction Fundraising Volunteer



Brigid Collins House
Breaking the Cycle of Child Abuse
P.O. Box 2633
Bellingham, WA 98227

- Imagineer in charge of Event Decorations (17 years)
- Consistently successful with Auction items procurement
- Event Table Captain – multiple years
- 20 years Key support for Annual Auction

Assisted with new facility move-in and provided task work for final facility painting, cleaning, furniture repair, etc.



Also volunteer for YMCA fundraising, Whatcom United Way, Arthritis Foundation, Whatcom County Children’s Museum, ACLU (Sec/VP), American Cancer Society, Whatcom Hispanic Organization, Whatcom Humane Society, Lighthouse Mission Women’s Winter Shelter, Whatcom Unified Command (COVID-19 Testing/Vaccination) for Whatcom Health Dept., Bellingham Food Bank

MILITARY SERVICE

Enlisted, United States Army
Basic Training – Ft. Lewis, Washington
Advanced Training – Ft. Lee, Virginia
Job description: Company Clerk
Rank: Specialist Fifth Class (E5) - Enlisted
Honorably discharged from active duty



- DECORATIONS**
- Bronze Star for Service
 - Army Commendation Medal
 - Vietnam Service Medal w/3 oak leaves
 - Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon
 - Two (2) Overseas Service Bars
 - National Defense Medal
 - Good Conduct Medal
 - Sharpshooter Medal (M14)

Post Active Service

Civilian Military Service –
Clerk for the Assistant Chief of Staff, Communications & Services, European V Corps Headquarters, Frankfurt Germany (IG Farben Building) performing administrative support to military staff

Veteran Service

Vietnam Veterans of America,
Chapter 165 – Whatcom County

- **Chapter President**, 1991-92
- Bulletin “Vet Gazette” **Editor/Producer** 1990-91
- **Community Service Co-Chair** - 1992



- Named VVA Washington State Vietnam Veteran of the Year - 1992

Served on Whatcom County Veterans Advisory Board – 2014-2015

Accomplishments consisted of awarding the **Memorial Plaque** for all Whatcom County KIA/MIA from the Vietnam War at the County Courthouse, presiding over **adoption ceremony for MIA Keith Allan Brandt** at County Courthouse, numerous **successful fundraising events** and working several community service projects, to include helping move the Childcare Center to new facility and fielding a team for ACS 24 Hour Relay and assisted with food preparation.

EDUCATION/PERSONAL

Prior College:

Northeastern Junior College – Sterling, Colorado

Arapahoe Junior College – Littleton, Colorado

Whatcom Community College – Bellingham, WA - Degree: Associate – Arts & Sciences
(1992)

Transfer degree Business/Computer Science

Whatcom Community College – Bellingham, WA – Degree w/honors: Associate in Science - Computer Information Systems

Whatcom Community College – Bellingham, WA – Degree w/honors: Associate in Applied Sciences – Cybersecurity
(2019)

Transfer degree – Applied Sciences

Additional Skills: Strong Computer/Internet skills, Good Typing skills, Graphic Art Design and Pen and Ink Drawing. Solid background with MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, Access, Project, Publisher & Visio, as well as Oracle Primavera Contract Manager, SharePoint, Project Wise, Lotus Notes, Photo Shop and e-Accounting

CURRENT U.S. Passport – expiration date of 8 December 2035

RESENT – U.S. Transportation Workers Identification Card (TWIC) – expiration date of 31 July 2016

FCC Amateur Radio Operators License (2025) – Technician **KM7CXK**

CURRENT VOLUNTEER POSITION:



Founded in 1999

Whatcom County Community Emergency Management Team (CERT) – Program Manager

15 August 2022 to present

DUTIES: Oversee the Whatcom County CERT Program and maintain its sustainability. Provide FEMA CERT Basic Training courses throughout Whatcom County, consisting of 24 hours of skills training/education (6 to 8 classes/year). Develop sub-programs to benefit the county wide program – such as Teen CERT, Whatcom Moulage Team, ongoing Continuing Education classes, and provide outreach tabling at community events promoting Emergency Preparedness. Oversee deployments of CERT Registered Emergency Worker volunteers during local disasters such as floods, winter storms, earthquakes, etc. as directed by the DEM Deputy Director.

