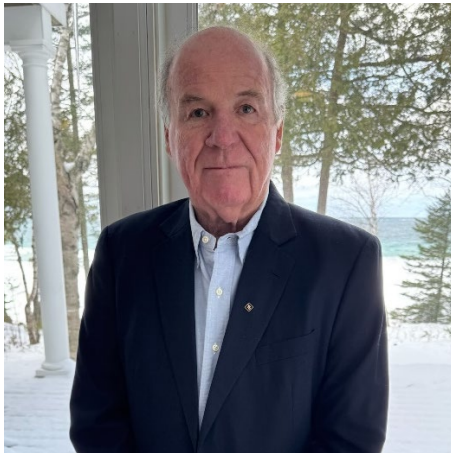


2025 Vernon B. Spalding Leadership Award

Donald E. Lund, PE

Infrastructure Operation Unit President, Tetra Tech



Donald E. Lund, PE, has dedicated his 40-year career to advancing municipal engineering and public infrastructure. He was a transformative leader in Michigan's engineering community, providing expert guidance on water supply, wastewater treatment, stormwater management, and land development projects across the state. In 1988, he was named a partner at McNamee, Porter & Seeley, and later served as Tetra Tech's Infrastructure Operating Unit President from 1998 until his retirement in 2007.

Widely regarded as an engineering icon in Livingston County, Don was instrumental in overseeing substantial infrastructure upgrades and was recognized as one of the most powerful figures in the region. His commitment to ACEC spanned decades, serving on the Board of Directors from 1997 to 2003, as President-Elect in 2001, and as ACEC Michigan President in 2002. A passionate advocate for Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS), he played a key role in raising \$85,000 from ACEC firms for the Michigan Municipal League Foundation to integrate QBS training into municipal educational programs—an effort that continues to impact communities today. He also contributed to the development of training videos and peer-reviewed other ACEC firms, ensuring the highest standards in engineering practice.

Beyond his technical expertise, Don was a tireless champion for the profession, actively engaging with legislators through ACEC's Political Affairs Committee, hosting fundraisers, and advocating for industry priorities. During his career, he was known for his fierce competitiveness, deep respect for his peers, and unwavering dedication to his clients—setting a benchmark for excellence in the engineering profession. His legacy continues to inspire and shape the future of the industry.