

Billy J. Collins - Railroad Industries Incorporated

Experience

Railroad Industries Incorporated – Associate Consultant 2008-Present
Reno, Nevada

Mr. Collins brings over 40 years experience in railroad track and maintenance of way experience for short lines and large regional railroads to RII's consulting practice. Projects of note have included directing the Maintenance of Way program for 2 high volume regional short line operations in Mississippi, Instructing classes in Roadworker Safety for new track maintenance personnel, track inspections and FRA reporting requirements and track repairs and rehabilitation costing.

Alabama Southern Railroad (WATCO Companies) - Roadmaster 2008
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

As the Roadmaster for this railroad Mr. Collins was responsible for Capital projects for all Track Rehabilitation and prepared budgets for all maintenance projects, and coordinating all related labor crews for the tie and rail relay.

Meridian & Bigbee Railroad (Genesee & Wyoming Co.)- Roadmaster 2005-2008
Meridian, MS

As the Roadmaster for this railroad Mr. Collins was responsible for Capital projects for all Track Rehabilitation and expensed projects for all maintenance projects, coordinating all contractors for tie gangs and surfacing gangs, all work trains for unloading ballast, track shoulder restoration, and all federal and state agencies requirements. He supervised up to 30 people on various crews, plans and administers all engineering budgets, review and critique all Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) track inspections performed by track inspectors.

Rail Transport Service International- Track Inspector & Material Advisor 2002-2005
Fort Worth, Texas

As a Track Inspector and Material Advisor for this company Mr. Collins was responsible for Operational track planning for Arizona Eastern railway, the track inspection of Benson in Naco, AZ, Planning material load-out for EPA clean up of mining debris, and Short Line rail analysis for proposed track acquisitions.

Cumbres & Toltec Railroad – Field Operations Manager, Track Superintendent 2000-2002
Chama, New Mexico

As Field Operations Manager and Track Superintendent for this Railroad Mr. Collins conducted FRA Track Inspections and submitted related reports. He evaluated and supervised all track locations for EDA Grant work. He also coordinated track work with civil engineers, and the FRA, and the work and passenger train operations. Mr. Collins managed two separate track crews of 10 to 15 individuals; each over 64-mile railroad with two supervisors and equipment operators. He drafted work budgets, schedules, and organized work reports for invoice billing. He also managed all logistics for delivery of rail and ties to the railroad, and work train operations for placement of track materials, delivery of heavy equipment, dumping of ballast, grading and maintained 64 miles of firebreak with steam locomotive operations through the San Juan Mountains

Sierra Railroad- Manager
Oakdale, California

1997-2000

As Manager for this Railroad Mr. Collins established track repair and rehabilitation programs over the 37 mile line, as well as track and right-of-way budgets and operating schedules. He managed improvements for interface of freight and passenger train operations as Chief Operations Coordinator. He was responsible for human resource management of work crews and operators

Eielson & Clear Site Air Force Bases-Track Construction & Maintenance Contractor
Alaska

1997-2000

As Track Construction and Maintenance Contractor for these Air Force Bases Mr. Collins was responsible for all phases of contracting for replacement of rail, switches, road crossings, removal of track segments, and erosion control. He reported to all Federal Regulatory Agencies, and maintained a top-level security clearance for access to perform contract work within military installations

Northwestern Pacific Railroad- Field Operations Manager, Roadmaster
Eureka, California

1995-1997

As the Field operations Manager and Roadmaster for this Railroad Mr. Collins was responsible for a 316-mile heavy freight railroad. He evaluated FEMA track restoration locations, and supervised the restoration of locations to include rail relay, tie installation, rebuilding of road bed, and correcting geometry of the track. He was also responsible for the rebuilding of bridges and tunnels, and restored 100+ miles of track through the FEMA Grant. Mr. Collins managed three supervisors, crew totaling 75 and several contractors, including equipment operators, and work trains. Also, he managed all railroad logistics for delivery of rail, ties, and ballast. He performed FRA maintenance inspections and emergency repair coordination for the railroad. He handled drafting budgets, schedules, organizing work reports for invoicing, and approved payables. He was responsible for human resource requirements of hiring operators and railroad laborers

Alaska Railroad- Extra Gang Supervisor, Foreman
Fairbanks, Alaska

1983-1995

As the Extra Gang Supervisor and Foreman for this Railroad Mr. Collins supervised production gangs ranging from 10 to 25 people, including surfacing gangs, rail relay gangs, tie installation, work trains, and road crossing gangs in remote locations for 500 miles of main line track. Snow Fleet (snow removal) to keep track open for main line traffic in arctic conditions. He was responsible for FRA track inspections, and replaced all road crossings throughout the state in coordination with the Department of transportation and FRA mandates.

Cotton Belt Railroad- Extra Gang Foreman, Assistant Supervisor
Jonesboro, Arkansas

1970-1983

As the Extra Gang Foreman and Assistant Supervisor for this Railroad Mr. Collins Managed FRA track inspection logistics. He was responsible for work trains in directing and unloading ballast. He maintained material inventories, time and delay reports, timecards, and other administrative duties. He also performed surfacing and lining of track with track equipment and operators, produced FRA track inspection records, and supervised installation of ties with 15 to 20 man crews and related equipment.

Education

213A & B On-Track Safety - 2006 & 2007

Continuous Welded Rail Classes – 2006 & 2007

Roadworker Safety Training – 2006 & 2007

Multiple Trackwork, Maintenance of Way, FRA guidelines and technical workshops over last 40 years

Bio

Mr. Collins provides the RII team with over 40 years experience in railroad track and maintenance of way leadership. From track inspections and repair costing to complete Maintenance of Way program management and Roadworker Safety Training, he brings a broad understanding of hands on rail right of way management. He has lead programs for numerous short line railroads, including the extensive Alaska Railroad system, as well as track work and maintenance for the federal government at Eielson and Clear Site Air Force Bases. Mr. Collins has managed the rehabilitation projects for FEMA and other federal grants, and brings solid comprehensive knowledge of FRA and AREMA guidelines to the RII team.