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COLLABORATE09 Presenter Bios

Alyssa Johnson of Solution Beacon has numerous years of experience in project management, finance, and system administration. She is a Senior Oracle Applications Consultant with knowledge and experience in Oracle Releases 12 and 11*i* with a focus on E-Business Suite Financials. Her primary expertise includes providing functional support for existing financial systems as well as managing the overall implementation of new projects to ensure client satisfaction. She also enjoys presenting on Release 12 topics at local, regional, national and international conferences and is co-author of the *Release 12 Primer*. Alyssa can be reached at ajohnson@solutionbeacon.com.

Chuck Kennedy, MBA CISA OCP of Solution Beacon has over 13 years of experience with Oracle E-Business Suite and the underlying technology stack. He is a Solution Architect with knowledge and experience in Oracle Releases 12 and 11*i* with a focus on E-Business Suite security, system administration, financials, supply chain management, procurement and human resources. His combination of technical and functional expertise provides a unique blend of business acumen for leveraging the Oracle E-Business Suite. Chuck is a co-author of the book, *The Release 12 Primer* book and his article "Administration of Users, Roles and Responsibilities in Release 12: When Technologies Collide" was published in the OAUG Insight magazine (Winter 2008). He also presents at various local, regional, and international user conferences. Chuck can be reached at ckennedy@solutionbeacon.com.

Gerald Jones has 14 years experience with information technology, including more than 13 years working with Oracle Applications primarily as a developer. His experience with Oracle Applications includes working with Financials, HRMS and Manufacturing modules. Gerald has been involved in and served as a key developer on numerous Oracle implementation projects starting with Release 10.4 through the current Release 11*i*. Gerald brings a unique blend of great technical skills, functional capabilities and oral and verbal communication skills. Gerald has been successful in utilizing these skills in a broad number of industries including telecommunications, publishing, manufacturing and hotel management.

Goetz Schmitz has over 18 years experience with ERP-based systems and business processes. Goetz began his career with a financial and accounting background that led to several implementation roles within both consulting and internal organizations. He has worked with Oracle information technologies since 1993 in functional, project management, and practice leadership roles. Goetz has led implementations and trained clients on projects ranging from local small businesses to global Fortune 500 companies. He is currently the Vice President of Services at Solution Beacon and can be reached at gschmitz@solutionbeacon.com or at (630) 841-7000.

Karen Brownfield of Solution Beacon has 25+ years experience programming, installing, and managing applications used in various industries including Chemicals, Entertainment, Defense, Recruitment, and Hospitality. The past 18 years she has focused on Oracle Applications specializing in Financials and Workflow as functional specialist, programmer, team lead, and/or project manager. Karen is also a member of the OAUG board of directors, serving in multiple capacities in the last 16 years, including President, Past President, other Executive Committee roles, and serves as Secretary to the Board for 2009. Karen has presented many papers and training sessions at the various OAUG and user group conferences locally, regionally, and internationally. She is also a co-author of multiple published books including *Installing, Upgrading & Maintaining Oracle 11i*, *The ABCs of Workflow for E-Business Suite Release 11i* and *The Release 12 Primer*. Karen can be reached by email at kbrownfield@solutionbeacon.com.





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Kevin Dahl of Solution Beacon is a Senior Technical Consultant and Oracle Database Administrator. He has more than 24 years experience in information technology and over 20 years of experience as a database administrator. Kevin has also taught database and telecommunication courses at the university graduate level and undergraduate level. He has extensive experience with the architecture and administration of Oracle's E-Business Suite applications. Kevin has provided technical expertise for numerous upgrades and installations including Releases 10.X, 10.7NCA, 11.0.X, 11.5.X and 12.x. He also has experience with advanced options such as Real Application Clusters. He has experience implementing and configuring internet applications using Apache, Oracle 9iAS, Java, Java Servlets, and CGI programs. Kevin can be reached by email at kdahl@solutionbeacon.com.

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Randy Giefer of Solution Beacon has over 21 years of practical business experience in the Information Technology and systems integration arena, with experience in the Federal and local Government, Higher Education, energy, airline, mortgage banking, and automotive manufacturing industries. This business experience is coupled with over 8 years of experience in the implementation and administration of Oracle Financial (Commercial and Federal/Public Sector), COTS/GOTS, and Manufacturing software applications in the role of an Applications Database Administrator, Systems Architect and Security Architect. In addition to his Oracle Applications and Security experience, Randy has over 12 additional years of Oracle database development and administration. His project experience includes systems architecture, database architecture, security architecture, installation, upgrades, performance tuning, development, testing, database administration and production systems management. He is active in the Oracle community and is recognized as an industry expert, presenting at Oracle and OAUG conferences and workshops as well as chairing the OAUG SysAdmin SIG. He is also a co-author of two published books – "Installing, Upgrading & Maintaining Oracle 11i". In addition to performing consultant and management roles at prior companies, Randy is also the founder of Solution Beacon, LLC. Randy can be reached at rgiefer@solutionbeacon.com.

Susan Behn has 24+ years experience developing, implementing, upgrading, customizing and managing enterprise applications for government and commercial industries. Susan has worked with Oracle Applications since 1993 in many technical and functional roles including system administration, development, training, project management, and engagement management. Susan presents frequently at local, regional and national conferences (OAUG/OOW/IOUG/ODTUG) on both functional and technical topics and has co-authored two books: *The ABCs of Workflow for E-Business Suite Release 11i* and *The Release 12 Primer*. Susan is currently the Vice President of Technical Delivery at Solution Beacon and can be reached by email at sbehn@solutionbeacon.com.



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