

# Solution Beacon Road to the Rockies<sup>sm</sup> Workshop

## Presenter Biographies



### ***Alyssa Johnson***

Alyssa has numerous years of experience in project management, finance, and computer systems. She is a Solution Architect with knowledge and experience in Oracle Release 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. Currently, she is a member of the Release 12 team and is focusing full time on developing webinars, workshops, and documentation on the Release 12 Financials product family. Alyssa can be reached at [ajohnson@solutionbeacon.com](mailto:ajohnson@solutionbeacon.com).

### ***Brian Bent***

Brian has over eight years of experience in all phases of design, development, and implementation of Oracle systems. He has worked with clients within the transportation, healthcare, and manufacturing industries. His areas of expertise include Database Administration, E-Business Suite Administration (installing, maintaining, patching and cloning), RAC and UNIX administration. Brian is adept at architecting infrastructure solutions, which includes O/S, Network, Storage, Database and Inter/Intranet design. He has been extensively involved in database and application performance tuning, capacity planning and implementing backup and recovery strategy for large 24x7 Oracle databases. Brian is currently an Oracle Certified Professional, a Red Hat Certified Engineer, and holds an ITIL Foundation Certificate in IT Service Management. Brian can be reached by email at [bbent@solutionbeacon.com](mailto:bbent@solutionbeacon.com).

### ***Chuck Kennedy***

Chuck Kennedy of Solution Beacon has 30 years experience with information technology, including more than 11 years working with Oracle Applications with an emphasis in Financials, Discrete Manufacturing and HRMS. Chuck has leveraged his unique blend of business acumen and technical expertise to a broad range of industries that include retail, telecommunications, energy and banking. In addition to his Oracle experience, Chuck is certified in Information Systems Auditing (CISA) and operational ITIL foundations. Chuck's focus area at Solution Beacon as a Solution Architect is on Technical aspects of Release 12 and its differences with Release 11*i*. Mr. Kennedy is available at [ckennedy@solutionbeacon.com](mailto:ckennedy@solutionbeacon.com)

### ***Goetz Schmitz***

Goetz Schmitz of Solution Beacon has over 17 years of professional experience focused on enterprise applications implementations combined with a strong finance/accounting background. Goetz's implementation roles include lead functional consultant, project manager, and practice director, all with a focus on the Oracle e-Business suite of products. He has implemented successful solutions for Fortune 500, mid-size, and start up companies both as a contractor and as part of internal management teams. Goetz has worked with various industries with national and global operations and has experience in multiple business processes including, among others, Procure to Pay, Order to Cash, Supply Chain Management, and Finance to Report. He has solid experience in managing both functional and technical teams involved with varying consulting disciplines, client industries, and geographic areas. Mr. Schmitz can be contacted at [gschmitz@solutionbeacon.com](mailto:gschmitz@solutionbeacon.com)

### ***Naren Thota***

Naren is a Senior Technical Consultant at Solution Beacon, LLC, with over 11 years of experience in the Oracle E-Business space starting from Applications Release 10.6SC to the latest Release 11*i*, specializing in the areas of development, team lead, and/or project manager. Mr.Thota also has extensive experience in implementing Business Intelligence Solutions for Oracle E-Business customers using Oracle BI Products and third-party solutions such as Informatica and Teradata's DecisionExperts (formerly DecisionPoint Software). Mr.Thota is also an active member of local and regional OAUG user groups for the past few years; he is currently serving as a Chair for the Applications Forum of Dallas Oracle Users Group. Mr.Thota can be reached at [nthota@solutionbeacon.com](mailto:nthota@solutionbeacon.com).

### ***Susan Behn***

Susan has 23+ years experience developing, implementing, upgrading, customizing and managing applications used in government and commercial industries. Susan has worked with Oracle Applications since 1993 as a functional specialist, system administrator, developer, project manager, and technical team manager and presents frequently at local, regional and national conferences on both functional and technical topics. Susan also provides training at national conferences and through OAUG Training Tuesday webinars. Susan is currently the Practice Manager for Technical Services at Solution Beacon and can be reached by email at [sbehn@solutionbeacon.com](mailto:sbehn@solutionbeacon.com)

### ***Karen Brownfield***

Karen has 25+ years experience programming, installing, and managing applications used in various industries including Chemicals, Entertainment, Defense, Recruitment, and Hospitality. The past 11 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 10 years, including President, Past President, other Executive Committee roles, and 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 two published books – "Installing, Upgrading & Maintaining Oracle 11i". Karen can be reached by email at [kbrownfield@solutionbeacon.com](mailto:kbrownfield@solutionbeacon.com).



### ***Kevin Wilbur***

Kevin, the Practice Director in 170 Systems' Consulting Services Group, is responsible for delivering best practice Finance solutions that meet the real-world needs of 170 Systems' customers. In charge of numerous implementations worldwide, Kevin manages the design and implementation of large 170 Systems solutions. Prior to joining 170 Systems, Kevin spent 10 Years at General Electric in various finance and program management roles, most recently as the leader of the Global P2P program for GE Global Consumer Finance (now GE Money), which had at the time \$21 Billion in revenue and 50,000 employees. In addition to his work with 170 Systems, Kevin is active in numerous AP and Finance industry associations.



### ***Daniel Sweeney***

Daniel has spent the past 32 years in the hi-tech industry covering a wide range of areas, from manufacturing and supply-chain operations, software engineering, marketing, and business consulting. He also holds a Masters Degree in Education from Cleveland State University. Prior to joining Compaq, now part of Hewlett-Packard, in 2000, Daniel was Vice President of Business Development for Motherwell Information Systems, worldwide ERP and Supply-chain systems integration specialists in process manufacturing industries. He also spent 20 years with Digital Equipment Corporation, beginning in its Puerto Rico manufacturing division, and project managing the implementation of one of the company's first formal MRP systems. He later worked at DEC headquarters in Massachusetts as a software product manager and marketing manager for manufacturing solutions.

Today, Dan is a member of the Worldwide SOA Program Office for HP Services and is driving the adoption of Oracle Fusion Middleware in HP Consulting & Integration Services around the world.

### ***Richard Butterfield***

Rich Butterfield has more than 20 years experience in Information Technology Management, software engineering, and consulting. He is currently with HP's engineering team responsible for technical direction of the HP Database Archiving software. He was a member of the founding team at OuterBay Technologies where he held various leadership positions including Vice President of Engineering. OuterBay was acquired by HP in early 2006. Before co-founding OuterBay, Rich held various management and technical leadership positions at Silicon Graphics, Inc. (SGI), Sun Microsystems Inc. and Information Builders. He lead teams that produced world-class implementations of Oracle, Cullinet and ASK ERP systems.

Rich holds an MBA degree in finance and marketing from the University of Chicago.

### ***Jeffrey Blackmon***

Jeffrey Blackmon is a Presales Engineer with Hewlett-Packard responsible for the information management software suite in the America's region. He has extensive experience in software solutions related to Information Management and Business Intelligence.

Prior to joining HP Jeffrey worked as a Presales Engineer with Information Builders. He also has a software development background writing programs for the United States Air Force, Definition 6, and Servigistics. Jeffrey has a B.S. of Computer Information Systems from Saint Leo University.

### ***Mike Peebles***

Mike Peebles is the Go To Market Manager at Hewlett-Packard responsible for the information management software suite in the America's region. He has extensive experience in storage solutions as well as business continuity and availability.

Since joining HP in 1997, Mike has held technical and management positions within HP's storage and software businesses focusing on current as well as future storage issues. Mike has applied his expertise within the Americas as well as Europe.

Prior to joining HP Mike held hardware design engineering and engineering management positions focused on HP-IB and SCSI storage device development. Mike was also the Manager for Technology Assessment and Acceptance during which he identified new storage solution business opportunities. Mike has an MBA and a B.S. of Electrical Engineering from Colorado State University.

### ***Prashant Pandey***

Prashant is a Boston-based Solutions Architect in HP's Information Management division and brings over 3 years of industry experience in the Database Archiving space. Overall, Prashant brings 15 years of enterprise software technology experience spanning the fields of Insurance, Finance, Education and Software. Prashant's background includes performing roles of Sales Engineer, Performance Tuning Engineer, Systems Engineer, Senior Consultant, and Developer. Prashant holds a B.S. in Mathematics from the University of Massachusetts.



### **Grant Chen**

Grant has over ten years of experience leading implementation teams on enterprise-wide business transformation projects. He is well versed in project management, business process reengineering, implementation methodologies, solution design, development, and delivery. Mr. Chen has consulting experience with EDS, CSC, and Capgemini implementing Oracle E-Business Suite projects for Fortune 500 companies.



### **James Harrod**

As Customer Relations Manager, James Harrod is responsible for meeting client's needs and ensuring customer satisfaction in the ClearOrbit installed base. Harrod has been with ClearOrbit since 2001 and has held a number of customer-facing roles in the support organization, as a consultant and also as a project manager. For his excellence in customer service, Harrod has been awarded the ClearOrbit President's Award twice.

Prior to ClearOrbit, Harrod worked for BlueByte as a sales and distribution manager and was responsible for all software sold into new channels and for opening the online portal for the company's shopping channel. Previously, he was also responsible for setting up single or hosted companies using eCommerce at ClearCommerce. Harrod holds a BA from Texas State University.

### **Sudhir Perinchery**

As the Senior Director of Product Development, Perinchery is responsible for design, development, Q&A and documentation of all products. Perinchery has been a ClearOrbit employee since 2001 and previously held the title of development manager responsible for Gemini Product Suite.

Prior to ClearOrbit, Perinchery worked at Drugstore.com as a Group Manager and at Oracle Corporation as a Principal Consultant. Perinchery holds a B.S in Physics from Calicut University, India and a Masters Diploma in Computer Science from University of Bombay, India



### **Basheer Khan**

Basheer Khan, president and founder of Irvine, California-based Innowave Technology, is an Oracle ACE Director, Oracle Magazine's Integration Architect of the Year 2006 and Oracle Application Users Group (OAUG) Member of the Year in 2003. A frequent speaker on the capabilities of Oracle Applications & Technology at major conferences including OAUG COLLABORATE and Oracle OpenWorld, he has been published numerous times. He is the Executive Vice President of the OAUG Board of Directors and a member of the Fusion Council. Quite active in the Oracle community, he chairs the global Oracle Business Intelligence Special Interest Group (obisig.oaug.org). With 20 years of experience in information technology & solution architecture, his specialization includes enterprise/business process integration using SOA, Web Services and Oracle technologies.