



Richard B.

Consulting, project management, technology, and financial management positions in the private, public, and non-profit business sectors. Bringing expertise to help IBEC clients as they work to transform lives in their communities.

Expertise

40 + yrs financial & technology industry experience helping customers solve problems. Excellent verbal and written communication/presentation skills; good listener. Supportive team member; steady and cooperative performer. Flexible; willing to adjust for the situation; able to manage multiple projects.

About Richard

Richard is now retired after nearly 50 years of consulting, project management, technology, and financial management positions in the private, public, and non-profit business sectors. Richard's professional experience and accomplishments include the following:

Team Member/Achiever: Supported Direct Sales Representatives of a major software company through a variety of methods and services, established a sales pipeline exceeding \$1 million.

Analytical Problem Solving/Customer Support: Developed accounting and financial reporting system for Christian camp and retreat center to help Executive Director manage 9-year ministry growth of \$160,000+ operations, \$100,000+ donations, and \$65,000+ endowment.

Developed cost analysis reporting system for camping (\$190,000+ revenue) and retreat (\$170,000+ revenue) ministries to aid Executive Director and Board in setting annual rates, staffing levels, and budgets

Communication and Presentation Skills: Developed teaching materials for 3-semester hours credit Introduction to Economics course at a small Bible college (70+ student body), incorporating in curriculum Poverty Cure video series and presenting students with poverty challenges and potential solutions

Policy and Procedure Development/Subject Matter Expert: Developed detailed written procedures for major project management software, generating over \$50,000 in revenue.

Project Management: Successfully managed project and client expectations on 3 significant projects, for combined revenue exceeding \$100,000.

Richard first learned of Business as Mission in developing and teaching the Economics course for Montana Bible College (MBC). Poverty challenges and potential solutions were explored using the video series PovertyCure, published by The Acton Institute. As Chair of the new Workplace Ministry degree program, Richard began developing the Business as Mission class material after attending the online YWAM Introduction to Business as Mission Seminar.

After learning and teaching about Business as Mission, Richard realized that he could use his professional experience and accomplishments to help entrepreneurs through IBEC's consulting practice.

Richard and his wife, Laura, are active at Redeemer Church in Bozeman, Montana. From 2003 to 2013, Richard organized and led mission teams of up to 50 men, women, and children to the Union Gospel Mission and youth camp in Spokane, WA, and Seattle, WA. In 2004, Richard led the family to serve with a Christian fellowship in Birmingham, England at an annual believers/seekers conference, and helped lead vacation Bible school for the attendees' children.

Experience

IBEC Ventures	Pro-Bono Consultant	2023 – present
Montana Bible College	Adjunct Professor: Economics, Church Admin Chair: Workplace Ministry degree program	2015 – 2023
Headwaters Technologies	Shareholder, Manager: business management consulting company	2014 – 2022
Yellowstone Alliance Adventures	Business Manager: non-profit camping/retreat ministry	2010 – 2014
JWT OC Holdings, LLC	Controller: hospitality companies	2009 – 2010
ChoicePoint/Bridger Systems	Account Manager, Customer Support Specialist: technology company	2002 – 2008
Anderson ZurMuehlen & Co., P.C.	Shareholder/Account Manager/Technology Advisor: regional CPA and consulting firm	1994 – 2002
Richard W. Bennett, CPA	Owner, Consultant: technology consulting firm	1985 – 1994
Gulf Oil Corporation	Internal Technology Consultant/EDP Auditor: International Energy Company	1981 – 1985
May Department Stores	EDP/Internal Auditor: National Retailer	1978 – 1981
City of Galveston, TX	City Auditor, Assistant Finance Director	1975 – 1978
Ansell, Megna & Co., CPA	Auditor: Various businesses/industries	1974 – 1975

Education/Certifications

Texas Lutheran University	B.A., Accounting
Certified Public Accountant	Licensed in Montana (1994 – 2009, inactive) and Texas (1981 – 1994)
Economics Online for Teachers	Foundation for Teaching Economics
YWAM Colorado Springs	Introduction to Business as Mission Seminar