

CONSULTANTS COUNCIL DISTINGUISHED CONSULTANT AWARD

MICHAEL P. SANDERSON, P.E., PTOE, LEED AP



Congratulations to Michael P. Sanderson, P.E., PTOE, LEED AP, for being selected to receive the 2022 Consultants Council Distinguished Consultant Award. This award is given to an individual for outstanding contributions to the transportation engineering/planning profession and for serving as an inspiration to others by means of continued dedication to the profession and their community.

Michael Sanderson is President and Chief Executive Officer of Sanderson Stewart, an award-winning firm with offices in Montana and Colorado and employees across the Pacific Northwest. Founded 53 years ago in Billings, Montana, Michael acquired the firm 20 years, expanding it from a single office civil engineering and surveying firm into a regional, multidisciplinary company with experts in civil and transportation engineering, all facets of community planning, landscape architecture, mapping and land surveying, as well as communications and marketing. Sanderson Stewart is recognized as an employer of choice in the industry and has won many local and regional awards, including America's Small Business of the Year by the United States Chamber of Commerce in 2014 and as a "Best Firm to Work For" in the architecture and engineering industry by the Zweig Group.

He is a Fellow of ITE with nearly 25 years in elected leadership positions at all levels, including president of the Montana Chapter, the Intermountain Section and the Western District, and a term as International Director from the Western District. During his term on the International Board of Direction, Michael led the effort to organize and launch *LeadershipITE*, ITE's premier leadership development program. Elected to the executive committee, he served as ITE International President in 2018 and launched the OneITE initiative that led to the creation of the first new ITE district in more than 30 years. Today he is the Faculty Advisor to the student chapter at Montana State University, where he teaches transportation engineering as an adjunct professor.

Michael is also an active leader in civic, educational and non-profit organizations and is a frequent lecturer and panelist on topics of corporate culture, organizational strategy, and the innovative business practices that build great small businesses, as well as topics related to the future of transportation and the transportation profession.

Congratulations to Michael on this significant achievement!