

Our Team

Experienced Management Team

James R. Carpenter is the Chairman and CEO for GCC and is also the principal shareholder and President of Carpenter & Associates (C&A), a Texas based corporation founded by Charles B. Carpenter in 1971. Over C&A's 40 year history, it has conducted state-wide development and investment activities, real estate brokerage, asset management, and community redevelopment projects. Today, as a third generation company, it has down-sized and turned its focus to "recession resistant" projects capable of generating self-sustained economic development and absorption to insure success. C&A has committed its experience and resources to several unique business opportunities that offer a "win-win" proposition for C&A, the state of Texas and the communities in which these businesses will be located. C&A seeks to work with state and local leadership to recruit, expand, and grow new and existing business and educational opportunities. Mr. Carpenter has been a Texas licensed real estate agent/broker since 1971, primarily engaged in real estate, business development and investment activities. He conducts the family's real estate companies and other Texas-based business enterprises, real estate partnerships, development ventures and related commerce. Mr. Carpenter is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, and holds a BBA in Finance, with a minor in Real Estate.

Walter I. Tacquard, III is the Senior Vice President of Development & Construction. Mr. Tacquard facilitates all of CTA's planning, entitlement development services and construction related activities. He has over 30 years in the construction industry with a focus on utilities implementation, commercial, industrial and residential construction projects. Prior to CTA, Mr. Tacquard served as a partner in CTC Utility Constructors where he oversaw the design, development, and construction of many water and wastewater projects throughout Texas. Mr. Tacquard has worked in all aspects of construction from project & construction management, General Contractor work, and large scale commercial and utilities deployment. He has a degree in Government from Lamar University in Beaumont Texas.

Lt. Col. Jerry Hooper (USAF Ret.) is the Vice President of Aviation & Taxation. He is the owner of Cooper Consulting in Corpus Christi, Texas, and provides property tax consulting services to a wide variety of industries. He is also president of Governmental Solutions, Inc. and was a consultant to the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association in Frederick, Maryland. He has served as a Legislative Consultant in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas on various property taxation issues. He has been instrumental in drafting legislation within the State of Texas regarding the appraisal and assessment of aircraft in state law.

Kurt L. Hudspeth is currently Vice President of Marketing and Operations for Carpenter and Associates, Inc. He is a Licensed Real Estate Professional in the state of Texas and is a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers as well as San Antonio Board of Realtors and is a member of the Texas Self Storage Association. He was responsible for reviving and changing positively the self-storage industry forever with programs such as the United States Post Office and others. Kurt is married to his wife Christine and has five children and one grandchild. After graduating from high school he was invited and completed the FMI program at the University of Southern California.

T.R. Reid is an accomplished senior communications and business counselor. His career spans extended periods with three leading companies: Dell, Whirlpool Corporation and The Upjohn Company (now part of Pfizer Inc.) Prior to leaving Dell he was a vice president and the head of Global Communications, responsible for corporate and employee communications, as well as communications on behalf of four global, customer-focused business units. For three-plus years, through October 2008, T.R. was based in Singapore, heading communications for Dell in Asia-Pacific and Japan. In this role he managed a team, business needs and processes across a broad region including China, Japan, India and Australia, playing a principal role in broadening and enhancing perceptions of the company in that part of the world. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science and communications from Western Michigan University.

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Advisors and Support Team to the Project

Property Taxation Resolution Team

- John Brusniak Jr. - Brusniak Blackwell PC, Dallas, TX

Aviation Consultants

- Winthrop D. Perkins - Aviation Consultant, Morristown, NJ
- Norm Scroggins - FAA & Aviation Consultant, Dallas, TX
- Jack Herzik - Aviation Consultant, Bastrop, TX

Project Design & Development

- Barnard Dunkelberg & Company - National Airport Planner & Environmental, Tulsa, OK
- Land Design Studio - Land Planning and Landscape Architectural Firm, Austin, TX

Economics

- Dr. Ray Perryman of The Perryman Group, Waco, TX

Legal and Finance

- Jerry V. Kyle - Andrews Kurth LLP, Austin, TX
- Patrick W. Linder - Davidson & Troilo PC, San Antonio, TX
- Garry Kimball - Specialized Public Finance Inc., Austin, TX
- Geoff Connor – Former Texas Secretary of State & Principal at Texas Global, Austin, TX
- Doyle E. Perkinson – Houston, TX
- Tatum LLC – Austin/San Antonio Office