

# James Gerner

Managing Partner at Gerner Consulting / Services

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## Summary

Paul Gerner is now the managing partner at Gerner Consulting / Services, a Strategic Advisory firm, specializing in Energy Management, Sensible Sustainability and Renewable Energy, Capital Program Management, Procurement Best Practices, and Construction Claims Avoidance. Paul retired from the Clark County School District (CCSD) at the end of March, 2014, after ten years of service. He had led the CCSD Facilities team from September 2003. He is a registered Professional Engineer, a Certified Energy Manager, and Green Building Engineer, with a master's degree in financial management, and over 20 years experience in facilities management. Paul's background includes 20 years of active duty service in the U.S. Navy, predominately in the Civil Engineer Corps, with career highlights as Director of Contracts at OICC Marianas and Deputy Director of Contracts, PACDIV. He retired in 2001 as Public Works Officer, NAS Lemoore. For CCSD, Paul was responsible for all facilities lifecycle and related functions for over 34 million square feet in the nation's fifth largest school district, leading a staff of over 2000 professionals to deliver best in class services at exceptionally low unit costs. Since joining CCSD, in addition to overseeing the on-time delivery of over 75 schools, Paul was the driver for numerous energy initiatives, including earning the Cashman Good Government" award from the Nevada Taxpayers Union for saving nearly \$10M in 2006 using CCSD's model conservation program, leading the Las Vegas valley in instituting broad usage of ground source heating and cooling, full plant VFD integrated control using oil free magnetic levitation chillers, the use of competitive prototyping to deliver 4 new Elementary School designs that double the energy efficiency of previous schools, and most recently installation of over two megawatts of solar PV at no cost to the District.

## Specialties

Energy Conservation and Management - CEM Facilities Contracting (former CPCM) Green Building Engineer  
- GBE Professional Engineer - PE (Industrial) Financial Management

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## Experience

### **Area Director at Dignity Health**

July 2014 - Present (1 year 1 month)

Responsible for Facilities Support to 14 Hospitals in Nevada, Arizona, and Central California.

### **Managing Partner at Gerner Consulting / Services**

March 2014 - Present (1 year 5 months)

GC/S is a strategic consulting firm providing expert advice on complex issues such as: Award Winning Energy Programs, Sensible Sustainability and Renewable Energy, Capital Program Development and

Management, Procurement Best Practices, and Construction Claims Avoidance. Bringing clarity to complex challenges in the world of Facilities Management is our mission.

**Associate Superintendent, Facilities at Clark County School District**

September 2003 - March 2014 (10 years 7 months)

Responsible for all facilities life-cycle and related functions for over 34 million square feet in the nation's fifth largest school district, leading a staff of over 2000 professionals to deliver best in class services at exceptionally low unit costs. Since joining CCSD, in addition to overseeing the on-time delivery of over 75 schools, Paul has been the driver for numerous energy initiatives, including earning the Cashman Good Government award from the Nevada Taxpayers Union for saving nearly \$10M in 2006 using CCSD's model conservation program, leading the Las Vegas valley in instituting broad usage of ground source heating and cooling, the use of competitive prototyping to deliver 4 new Elementary School designs that double the energy efficiency of previous schools, and most recently installation of almost one megawatt of solar PV at no cost to the District.

**Commander, Civil Engineer Corps at US Navy**

May 1981 - May 2001 (20 years 1 month)

Former F-14 Pilot, retired as Public Works Officer, NAS Lemoore. Acquisition Professional, Certified Professional Contracts Manager, Professional Engineer, Certified Energy Manager, and Green Building Engineer.

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## Volunteer Experience

**Referee at First Robotics, Aerial Assist - Las Vegas Regional**

April 2014 - Present (1 year 4 months)

Three challenging days of volunteer work making sure that six student created robots play a fair game and are properly scored while moving rapidly about a small playing field, crashing into one another, and shooting balls into goals under autonomous and student control.

**Final Round Judge at Future Cities**

January 2014 - Present (1 year 7 months)

Scoring of final round contestant's presentations of their vision of a future city, including Q&A. Teams of around 5-6 exceptional middle school children, with the help of an advisor/mentor, undertake a massive planning, computer based economic modeling, and physical model building task to share their vision of how to build a better city in the future - tackling all the planning issues from city layout, infrastructure, transportation, utilities, etc. The incredible team based learning experience and polished professional presentations are just amazing.

**Engineering Advisory Board Member at Northwest Career and Technical Academy, Las Vegas**

September 2007 - Present (7 years 11 months)

Advisory Board member to CCSD's first National Academy Foundation accredited Engineering Program.

## **Mountain Qualified Search Pilot (and former Squadron Commander) at Civil Air Patrol**

May 2002 - Present (13 years 3 months)

Maintain readiness to assist in finding downed airmen or lost hikers anywhere in the state. Lead a crew of volunteer professionals in the air, and working with ground teams when available, to assist community members in need.

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## Skills & Expertise

**Budgets**

**Energy Conservation**

**Microsoft Office**

**Program Management**

**Facilities Management**

**Government**

**Energy**

**Managerial Finance**

**Management**

**Contract Management**

**Construction Management**

**CEM**

**Construction**

**Leadership**

**Strategic Planning**

**Team Leadership**

**Staff Development**

**Project Planning**

**Team Building**

**Leadership Development**

**Operations Management**

**Process Scheduler**

**Project Management**

**Negotiation**

**Customer Service**

**Microsoft Word**

**Engineering**

**LEED**

**Analysis**

**Microsoft Excel**

**Contract Negotiation**

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## Education

**Naval Postgraduate School**

Masters of Financial Management, Finance, Statistics, Economics, 1989 - 1990

**University of Missouri-Columbia**

BSIE, Industrial Engineering, 1977 - 1981

Activities and Societies: Naval ROTC

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