

Underwood to lead Neel-Schaffer Coastal Program



BATON ROUGE, La. (March 31, 2017) – Neel-Schaffer, Inc., is pleased to announce that Steve Underwood has joined the firm as Coastal Program Manager

Underwood has more than 30 years of scientific, managerial and planning experience working in partnership to administer coastal initiatives for state government, the USACE, and private companies. His experience includes applied coastal policy and planning, facilitating regional sediment management initiatives, quantifying coastal hazards and mitigation measures, and updating estuarine shoreline strategies relative to sea-level rise. Underwood has authored many published studies and participated in numerous Louisiana coastal research and policy/planning initiatives.

He will be based in the firm’s Baton Rouge office and lead efforts to grow and expand the firm’s coastal science and engineering discipline. In addition to his focus on business development, Underwood’s many years of hands-on experience and technical expertise will allow him to be an active participant in projects.

“We are delighted and excited that Steve has joined our firm to help lead our coastal science and engineering efforts,” said Jerry Trumps, Senior Vice President of Neel-Schaffer’s Southwest Region. “His background and years of experience will serve as a tremendous asset to Neel-Schaffer as we grow and expand our coastal presence, particularly along the Gulf Coast.”

Underwood holds a Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology from the University of North Carolina-Wilmington, and a Master of Science in Oceanography and Coastal Sciences from Louisiana State University.

About Neel-Schaffer Inc.

Neel-Schaffer is a multi-disciplined engineering and planning firm with offices throughout the Southeast. Founded in 1983, the firm has more than 500 professional and technical employees, and in 2016 it was ranked 187th on *Engineering News-Record’s* list of the nation’s Top 500 Design Firms.

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