



Mechanical Engineering
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Jack F. Browder

Mechanical Engineering Hall of Fame, 2019

BSME, The University of Texas at Austin, 1972
MBA, The University of Texas at Austin, 1974

Senior Principal
Westney Consulting Group

Jack Browder has over 40 years of experience developing, building and operating hydrocarbon plants and power plants.

Since retiring from Northern Star Generation, he has been a principal of Westney Consulting Group, which advises builders of large CAPEX projects to help them achieve greater capital certainty and achieve successful implementation of their projects.

Browder retired from the position of CEO & President of Northern Star Generation at the end of 2015. The company was formed by the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan and AIG Highstar in early 2004 to manage and operate a portfolio of 15 contracted power plants in the U.S. acquired from El Paso Corporation. The portfolio included two coal-fired plants, four waste coal-fired plants, and nine gas-fired plants.

Prior to joining Northern Star Generation in 2004, he was Chief Operating Officer of eCORP, a privately held Houston-based company that developed, owned, and operated underground natural gas storage facilities.

Prior to joining eCORP in 2001, he was president of KBR Development Corporation, a joint venture between Kellogg Brown & Root and Mitsubishi, established to develop hydrocarbon related plants on a limited recourse, project financed basis.

Prior to joining Kellogg, he was with Brown & Root, where he started his career in the mid 70s. He served in numerous executive, sales, and project management positions. He was the president of Brown & Root's Power Business Unit in the early 90s. Prior to that time, he was head of worldwide sales for Brown & Root's Petroleum & Chemical Business Unit. He spent over ten years managing several multi-hundred million dollar projects.

He has an MBA and a BS in Mechanical Engineering from The University of Texas.