

**Michael J. Berta**  
**Manager**

**Professional Profile**

Mr. Michael Berta is a Manager in Exponent's Construction Consulting practice. He has more than 20 years of experience working in the construction industry. He has consulted on matters involving economic damages, accounting, contract compliance, and cost overrun issues primarily related to large and sophisticated construction projects. He has participated in and presented at mediations and assisted clients with settlement negotiations. Prior to joining Exponent, Mr. Berta was the Vice President of Seo Consulting, Inc. and an Associate Director with Navigant Consulting, Inc.

Mr. Berta has been involved in a wide variety of cases associated with the construction of bridges, condominium complexes, commercial projects, convention centers, highways, hospitals, hotels and resorts, manufacturing facilities, power plants, prisons, rail systems, schools and wastewater treatment facilities. He has experience working with owners, public agencies, construction managers, and contractors to analyze the costs of commercial and public works projects. He has performed many cost reviews to determine the accuracy of contractors' recorded costs and of costs reported by contractors to owners in connection with change orders or claims. He has performed contract compliance reviews of contractors' recorded costs in connection with cost-plus contracts and profit sharing agreements. He has performed analyses on various projects including construction cost overruns, price and quantity variances, labor productivity, subcontractor bidding, equipment costs, contract change order work, payroll burden, general conditions costs and overhead, including the evaluation of home office overhead quantified by the Eichleay Method.

Mr. Berta has experience in commercial litigation matters including the analysis of claims for cost recovery and lost profits. He also has experience working in the construction industry. Prior to joining Navigant Consulting, he was employed by Arthur Buzz Haskins Construction as an assistant-superintendent, where he gained valuable "hands on" field experience while working on a variety of residential and municipal construction projects.

**Academic Credentials and Professional Honors**

B.S., Business Administration, University of California, Berkeley (*magna cum laude*), 2000

Concentrations in Real Estate and Finance and a Minor in City and Regional Planning

## **Prior Experience**

Vice President, Seo Consulting, Inc., 2007–2009

Associate Director, Navigant Consulting, Inc., 2001–2007

Assistant Superintendent, Arthur “Buzz” Haskins Construction Company, Inc., 1987–1998

## **Project Experience – Selected Examples**

### ***Transportation***

- Light Rail Extension, San Diego, California
- Carquinez Bridge, California
- SR 215/60/91 Interchange, Riverside, California
- Tacoma Narrows Bridge, Tacoma, Washington

### ***Manufacturing and Process Facilities***

- Acid Gas Injection Treatment Facility, Wyoming
- NSPF Digester Complex, San Diego, California
- Storage Facility, San Francisco, California
- Chip Manufacturing Facility, Tianjin, China

### ***Office Buildings, Retail, Residential & Mixed-use Complexes***

- 415 20<sup>th</sup> Street Building, Oakland, California
- Bay Street Mixed-use Development, Emeryville, California
- Dessert Passage Retail Complex, Las Vegas, Nevada
- Luxury Condominium Complex, Maui, Hawaii
- Imperial Marketplace, San Diego, California
- 311 Oak Street Condominium Complex, Oakland, California

### ***School Buildings, Hospitals, and Correctional Facilities***

- Lincoln High School, San Diego, California
- Clark County Detention Center, Las Vegas, Nevada
- Los Angeles Medical Center Rebuild Project, Los Angeles, California
- 4760 Sunset Medical Building, Los Angeles, California
- Sonoma County Indian Health Center, Santa Rosa, California

### *Miscellaneous*

- Analyzed Economic Damages that were the result of flooding purportedly caused by the actions of the State of California
- Quantified damages related to the replacement of failed polybutylene piping
- Analyzed Extra Work Claims and project records that resulted in the debarment of an underground contractor in San Diego, California