

Vita

Eric Joseph Siess was born in Baltimore, Maryland on May 15, 1974. He attended public school in Baltimore County, Maryland and graduated from Perry Hall High School in June, 1992. After deciding early on that civil engineering was the career for him, he went on to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech) to earn his degree in that field. During his time at Virginia Tech, he worked as an intern with KCI Technologies, Inc. in their Transportation Division. He also decided to pursue a degree in Mathematics while an undergraduate. His senior year he became actively involved with the Gamma Beta Phi Society and served as the chapter president for that year. On May 11, 1996, he graduated with Bachelor Degrees in both Civil Engineering and Mathematics.

After spending another summer working with KCI Technologies, Inc., he returned to school in August of 1996 to pursue a graduate degree in Transportation Engineering. During this time he became further involved with Gamma Beta Phi, serving two years as State President and one year as a student representative on the society's National Executive Committee. He also became involved with the local chapter of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) and served one year as the Virginia Tech chapter's president. He completed his Master of Science degree requirements in December 1997.