



Manuel Zapata

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Manuel Zapata, President of ZAPATA ENGINEERING, has proven expertise in the field of engineering management with more than 30 years of successful experience applying his engineering and managerial skills. Under his leadership, the firm has earned a reputation for providing innovative solutions to engineering challenges.

Mr. Zapata has instilled his dynamic entrepreneurial spirit in the culture of the firm. He has developed a business committed to making trust, integrity, and quality a cornerstone of its operations. In addition to building a successful engineering firm, Mr. Zapata is also recognized as a civic leader.

As Chairman of the Sister Cities Committee, he revitalized the Committee by bringing the support and participation of the business community to the committee's activities. At the request of the North Carolina Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Zapata organized and led a delegation from the North Carolina Ports Authority in a recruiting mission to South America. As a result of his civic work on behalf of the community, Mr. Zapata was featured by The Charlotte Observer as an industry recruiter and a Goodwill Ambassador for the City of Charlotte.

Mr. Zapata studied civil engineering in his native Chile and earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering and his Master's degree in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Virginia, West Virginia, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, and Georgia.

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