

Career Overview of Seward E. Ford

Seward Ford is a graduate electrical engineer and has been associated with the airport lighting industry for over 40 years. He was employed by Crouse-Hinds Airport Lighting Products for a number of years holding various positions during his tenure including Manager of Engineering and Marketing Manager.

Mr. Ford is currently President of Visual Aids Services that provides various support and consulting services for the visual aids industry. Seward's current activities include providing services to Global Engineering and Management Services (GEMS) of Washington, DC. GEMS is supporting the efforts of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Office of Technology Development in an effort to develop an LED Runway Status Light System (RWSL).

He currently also works as an ACE instructor for the AAAE Airport lighting Maintenance Course and is an associate of Navaid Lighting Associates, providing specialized training and consulting in all phases of the airport lighting industry.

He was technical advisor for 10 years to the United States IEC subcommittee TC 97 which is generating recognized world wide standards for airport lighting.

Mr. Ford is a member and past chairman of the Illuminating Engineering Society Airport Lighting Committee. He chaired the IES subcommittee that formulated with FAA the industry third party testing program for certification of airfield lighting products to FAA advisory circulars qualification requirements. He has worked on the upgrading and development of various FAA Advisory Circulars and has contributed a number of technical papers during his career.

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