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## Top Skills

Team Building  
Client Service  
Relationship Development

## Honors-Awards

2016 William C. Habig Collaborative  
Achievement Award

# Kristen Knudsen Atha

Director of Public Utilities at City of Columbus, Ohio  
Columbus, Ohio Metropolitan Area

## Summary

I am a results-oriented professional with over 25 years of experience in environmental engineering and business development, focused primarily on water and wastewater consulting with municipal utilities, industrial clients, and state and federal agencies. I am a champion for working collaboratively to solve complex environmental challenges. Having worked with great leaders and mentors during my career, I have developed skills in the following areas:

Strategic planning  
Developing effective teams  
Executing and delivering expected results  
Collaboration across functional and business unit lines  
Utility management and growth

As an advocate for community involvement, I support local and global organizations that enable women and families to thrive, including the Clintonville Community Resource Center and Water for People. Along with my husband Marcus, I enjoy travel and spending time with my four adult children.

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## Experience

City of Columbus  
Director of Public Utilities  
May 2022 - Present (1 year 8 months)  
United States

AECOM  
Vice President  
July 2016 - May 2022 (5 years 11 months)  
Columbus, Ohio

Central Market Sector Leader - Water

Brown and Caldwell

Vice President

September 2012 - July 2016 (3 years 11 months)

Client Service Manager

Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.

Associate Vice President

March 2005 - August 2012 (7 years 6 months)

Client manager - develop and lead project teams to understand the interests and needs of assigned clients. Business development responsibilities for municipal clients across Ohio.

Tetra Tech

Business Development Director

April 1999 - April 2005 (6 years 1 month)

Regional business development manager providing leadership to Cincinnati and Columbus operations.

URS Corporation

Project Engineer

January 1995 - September 1998 (3 years 9 months)

Yorkshire Water

Engineering Intern

February 1991 - September 1991 (8 months)

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## Education

University of Cincinnati

BS, Civil & Environmental Engineering · (1991 - 1996)

Miami University

BS, Business Management · (1985 - 1989)