

## **Douglas Bacon**

Application for ITRC Board of Advisor

Co-chair

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### **Statement of Interest**

“Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier”, General & Secretary of State, Collin Powell

Over the 24 years of my professional career, I have evaluated solutions to environmental conditions that, left un-checked, could adversely impact public health and the environment. I continue to meet each environmental challenge with a solution-based assessment rather than problem-based focus. This is my version of perpetual optimism in action. A solution-based focus is at the heart of the Interstate Technology Regulatory Council’s (ITRC) mission.

Since I joined ITRC in 2007, I have seen grass root efforts led by members (including myself) to develop guidance on innovative solutions to the environmental challenges ITRC members address. The professionals, who join ITRC, are passionate about the environmental challenges ITRC tackles and equally passionate about sharing the evaluated innovative solutions as I am. Through efforts to collaborate with new members, foster our consensus-based collaborative approach, and broaden the impact and value of ITRC guidance and training tools, I believe ITRC will continue to succeed. Perhaps above anything else, I desire the opportunity to continue to guide the organization towards success.

I seek the co-chair position because I am passionate about ITRC’s mission to find technical and innovative solutions to the environmental issues in the States. I look to foster ITRC’s leadership in finding and bringing to bear technical solutions to effectively address the environmental challenges of today. Over a decade of volunteer service as a team member, trainer, state point of contact, State Engagement Coordinator and Board of Advisor member, I have contributed to quickening the implementation of environmental cleanup. I have collaborated on the successful production and training on three technical guidance documents, supported the teams and organization with outreach to the states, and collaborated with the Board of Advisors to find enhancements to our development processes and outreach. The technical tools ITRC provides are invaluable, especially in light of challenges we face each day from climatic effects, social justice concerns, politics and policy demands. Innovative solutions to overcome these challenges are increasingly needed. In the past the old mantra was to do more with less. ITRC continues to prove that it’s not do more with less, but find the best solution given the resources available.

### **Goals for the Organization and Board of Advisors**

As a co-chair and board member, my goals are to focus on maintaining and growing ITRC’s success by:

- Supporting accelerated and fair decision making;
- Maintaining a collaborative leadership effort that is all inclusive and transparent;
- Fostering continued diversification of project focus areas and broadening of ITRC’s membership base;
- Ensuring the organization’s financial strength to maintain sustainable growth;
- Finding new opportunities to promote ITRC solutions in all aspects of both the private and public sectors; and
- Evaluating emergent needs among our members and the broader environmentally conscious community to ensure ITRC always remains relevant.

Thank you for your consideration of my nomination.