

Construction Education Friend Award

Gary Rafferty, P.E., LEED AP, DBIA



Gary Rafferty is a California-registered Professional Engineer, LEED Accredited Professional, and DBIA Practitioner who has over 44 years of experience in design and construction. He received his bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Loyola University ('73) and his master's degree in Civil Engineering from Stanford University ('74).

In 2017, Mr. Rafferty retired as President and Chief Operations Officer for Swinerton Builders. He remains a member of Swinerton's Board of Directors.

He managed approximately 1500 professional staff, 1100 craft personnel, and \$4.0 billion annual construction volume. Mr. Rafferty worked on a variety of project types including conventional and solar power plants, healthcare, airport terminals, performing arts theatres, universities, labs, newspaper plants, mid- and high-rise office buildings, hotels, multi-family residential, and community service projects. He has demonstrated capabilities in Public Private Partnership (P3) projects, Program and Construction Management projects, and Construction only projects in both the public and private sectors.

Prior to joining Swinerton Builders 33 years ago, Mr. Rafferty spent 8 years with Betchel Power Corporation and 2 years with the Peace Corps in East Africa. He is very active in the mentoring and development of engineering and construction management college students and recent graduates. He serves on the advisory boards for several California universities, and he has been a Lecturer at Cal State University Long Beach for the past 12 years in their Civil Engineering and Construction Engineering Management Department. He also has been a guest lecturer at Stanford University, Cal Poly SLO, USC, and Loyola Marymount University.

Mr. Rafferty has been an active AGC of California member for over 25 years and has previously served on the Board of Directors for AGC Southern California.

He has been married 40 years, and has two sons, and two grandchildren.