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## Professional Profile: Donald Bowen, 2013

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Name: Donald Bowen

Title: Principal

Company: Meridian Associates

Location: Beverly, Mass.

Place of birth: Ipswich, Mass.

Family: Married, son; Jeremy

College: Merrimack College, Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

First job unrelated to your current field: Working in a seafood processing facility

First job in current field: Structural engineer in the Nuclear Power Industry

What your firm does now and its plans for the future? Our underlying, core service to our clients; provide solutions to infrastructure investment and land use through civil engineering, geodetic survey, landscape architecture and 3d digital mapping. Our good clients realize the value we contribute to a project. Our GREAT clients understand the value we deliver.

Our plans focus on several areas;

- 1) Address the evolution of land use and the critically important relationship to environmental concerns over climate change,
- 2) Utilization of emerging technologies to advance the science of our services and capture market share through investment and measured risk,
- 3) Anticipate the law of unintended consequences. Although Wayne Gretsky was not the largest or fastest hockey professional that played in the NHL, he always knew where the puck would be before anyone else on the ice. We follow the same theory in the execution of our projects and strategic planning for future opportunity. Anticipating legislative and funding priorities is part of our intentional pursuit of various industries and sectors. We have always held a macro-view of what our potential client territory represents. Over the past several years, we have supported projects in 244 of the 351 Massachusetts communities, 34 of the 50 US States and 8 foreign countries. As a small to mid-size firm, many larger organizations look to us to provide services that differentiate their delivery of services to facility owners or government agencies.

Hobbies: Hiking, Photography, Travel (recently to; Spain, Portugal, Cuba, Morocco, Ireland, Panama, India, England and Canada)

Favorite novel: (Biography) 'My American Journey' by Ret. General Colin Powell

Favorite film: Lincoln

Keys to success: Keep it Simple. Steve Jobs said; 'We make progress by eliminating things, by removing the superfluous.'

Person(s) you most admire (outside of family): Governor Deval Patrick

If you had to choose a different profession, what would it be? Mentoring young entrepreneurs

