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Name: Tom Michelman

Title: Principal

Company: Boreal Renewable Energy Development

Location: Arlington, MA

Place of birth: Westchester County, NY

Family: Widowed, 2 daughters (23 & 21)

College: Northwestern University B.A., URI: M.S. Resource Economics

First job unrelated to your current field: Computer systems support - Putnam, Hayes & Bartlett - Cambridge, MA

First job in current field: Energy analyst - Xenergy - Burlington, MA

What your firm does now and its plans for the future? Boreal Renewable Energy Development provides solar and wind expertise and customized solutions that provide renewable energy at consistent, long-term savings. From initial evaluation, economic and regulatory analysis and design, through construction support or turn-key installations, Boreal's experts help commercial, industrial, and institutional clients with renewable energy projects.

Hobbies: Playing sports (ultimate frisbee, volleyball, and football), biking, hiking, and dancing.

President - Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail

Favorite novel: Watership Down, by Richard Adams

Favorite film: Not one favorite, but highly recommend "The Bicycle Thief"

Keys to success: Perseverance, flexibility, customer responsiveness, and face-to-face and verbal networking. Willing to enter new areas with little fear, but eyes wide open.

Person you most admire (outside of family): Abraham Lincoln

If you had to choose a different profession, what would it be? Politics

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