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Helen Adams-Morales to fill vacant PE position

Helen Adams-Morales has been appointed to fill the vacant Professional Engineer position as part of the Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (BELS). Adams-Morales late July appointment fills the open position left vacant by Charles Willis bringing the board back to its seven-member capacity.

Adams-Morales, an Opp native currently residing in Mobile, brings 30-plus years of engineering experience to the state's licensing board. She becomes Gov. Kay Ivey's first appointment and BELS second-ever female appointment.

A 1977 graduate of Opp High School, the Bobcat became a Tiger when she earned her Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Auburn University in August 1981. She earned her Alabama Professional License in 1987 and has held professional licenses throughout the southeast: Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Texas.

An award-winning engineer, Adams-Morales has accrued 33.5 years of engineering practice experience, with 28 years of experience in responsible charge of projects. She is a member of the 100 Women Strong Executive Committee of Auburn University's Samuel Ginn College of Engineering and in 2014 was named the Mobile Area Civil Engineer of the Year by the Mobile Area Council of Engineers. She also holds an ASCE (both state and national) membership.

She is a Leadership Mobile graduate and has been trained in Dale Carnegie Leadership. Along with training, Adams-Morales is a wealth of practical leadership experience as she retired in 2015 from Thompson Engineering as an Executive Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors. Overall, her history with Mobile's Thompson Engineering spans 34 years where she served as Vice President of Engineering (three years), Executive Vice President (eight years), Manager of Accounting and Information Technology (three years) and Chief Operating Officer (seven years). Along with executive positions, Adams-Morales served as a member of the Thompson Engineering Board of Directors for 20 years and a member of the LLC Board Watermark Design for 15 years. During the time spent at Thompson, Adams-Morales garnered high enough praise to have its annual Quality Award renamed in her honor in 2015.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Adams-Morales was recognized for her work with the Chevron Project team. She received the 2007 Thompson Holdings Model Project Award and then a year later received a letter of high recognition for her parts in Projects Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Hurricane Protection System Higher Level of Protection. She also was part of a presentation team at the *Gulf Coast Hurricane Preparedness, Response, Recovery, & Rebuilding Conference* that spoke to the "Success around Chevron's Pascagoula Refinery" during Hurricane Katrina.

Adams-Morales was officially sworn in as a member of BELS Aug. 2 at her home in Mobile and will join the board as a whole body at the Sept. 12 meeting in Montgomery.

The Alabama Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors was founded in 1935 by legislative action and tasked with protecting the public by helping safeguard life and property and to promote the public welfare by providing for the licensing and regulations of persons in the practice of engineering and land surveying.