

JUDY DORSEY

FOUNDING PRESIDENT AND PRINCIPAL ENGINEER BRENDLE GROUP

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Pioneering engineer, entrepreneur and business leader offering 26 years of executive expertise in innovation, business development, strategy and risk management. Judy currently serves as the founding president and principal engineer of Brendle Group, an impact-driven, people-centered firm focused on meeting environmental and social demands through strategic business growth. A natural team-builder, she has led the completion of more than 300 sustainability projects for over 150 clients and is co-founder of the Colorado Clean Energy Cluster and International Cleantech Network.

Judy has coached business leaders and public policy makers in managing the risks and opportunities posed by climate change, energy system transitions and other socio-economic challenges. Through natural curiosity and engineering problem-solving, her expertise is in distilling complex technical problems into policy and strategy actions that solve for both the long and the short term. She is a valued collaborator known for skilled facilitation and engaging stakeholders in businesses seeking to align profit with purpose.

CORPORATE LEADERSHIP

Brendle Group, Founding President

1996-present

Brand and Business Development

2010-present

Expanded Brendle Group into Denver and Salt Lake City markets. As President, shifted into an executive leadership role, building Brendle Group's leadership team and company-wide mentorship program. Launched a new practice area integrating sustainability into land use and urban planning. Innovated a new program for electric utilities to operate through local government channels, offering strategies and projects for 100% renewable energy supply, building electrification and electric vehicles at scale.

Growth and Impact Strategy

2003-2010

Navigated a strategic growth curve through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. Made significant strides in green building leadership and real estate development, including developing Colorado's first LEED-certified home and completing an award-winning deep energy renovation to serve Brendle Group's growing space needs. Launched new practice areas in economic development and sustainable water management. Developed portfolio of utility-scale commercial energy efficiency and renewable energy services.

Start-Up 1996-2003

Founded Brendle Group. Established business systems, grew a portfolio of projects, hired first employees and initiated an advisory board of high-profile leaders from the public and private sectors. Led some of the first greenhouse gas (GHG) management and accounting projects in Colorado and the Rocky Mountain region. Pioneered green building before there were national standards, creating sustainable design guidelines and green building programs for school districts, universities and businesses.

Pacific Northwest National Lab, Senior Research Engineer

1994-1996

Led the US Department of Energy's internal program to promote sustainable design for its own facilities in an era before third-party certifications. Created software and technical guidance documents and delivered training to over 300 engineers and architects.

BOARD EXPERIENCE

Colorado Clean Energy Cluster, 501(c)3

2018-present

Co-founded the Colorado Clean Energy Cluster in 2006 and served as its Executive Director until 2013. Spearheaded two of its primary initiatives- the International Cleantech Network, a global network connecting the world's leading cleantech clusters; and Colorado C3E, a workforce development initiative to close the gender gap of women in clean energy. Transitioned to board director in 2018 to lead the rebuilding of the non-profit and grow leadership capacity of women board directors.

Peaks to People Water Fund, 501(c)3

2018-present

Joined the board in 2018 to provide business expertise focused on financial strategy and growth. Peaks to People funds fire mitigation projects in the Big Thompson and Poudre River watersheds. Projects are focused on mitigating wildfire risks in order to protect drinking water supply and ensure businesses that rely heavily on clean and available water can prosper and thrive.

Colorado State University, Energy Institute Industry Advisory Board

2014-present

Provide engineering and industry expertise in pursuit of the Energy Institute's mission to develop innovative solutions to energy challenges that achieve global impact. Collaborate on solutions for attracting and retaining women in the clean energy workforce.

Colorado State University College of Engineering, Dean's Advisory Board

2011-2015

Applied expertise in sustainability, engineering and entrepreneurship in advising the college of engineering on a range of topics including research priorities, curriculum development, gender equity, and development strategy.

Rocky Mountain Sustainable Living Association, 501(c)3

2006-2008

Served as a board director, helping advance the non-profit as a regional leader in the sustainable living and lifestyle movement.

High Plains Environmental Center, 501(c)3

2004-2006

Recruited to the board for expertise in green building, helping the non-profit achieve its goals for harmonizing real estate development with nature at Centerra, McWhinney Enterprise's Northern Colorado showcase community for sustainable development.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Master of Science, Mechanical Engineering, Colorado State University
- Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, Northwestern University
- Professional Engineer, Colorado
- LEED Accredited Professional
- Certified Energy Manager

AFFILIATIONS

- American Council of Engineering Companies
- American Solar Energy Society
- Association of Energy Engineers
- Colorado Renewable Energy Society

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- 2020 U.S. Department of Energy C3E Ambassador distinguished senior leaders who serve as role models and advocates for women in clean energy
- Currently featured in the Smithsonian Institute's Places of Innovation exhibit
- 2016 National Ski Areas Association Industry Impact Award
- 2013 Far West Ski Association Jordan-Riely Award
- 2012 M.I.T Clean Energy Education and Empowerment Award, Entrepreneurship and Innovative Business Models
- 2011 United States Senate Certificate of Special Recognition as a Leader in Engineering Sustainable Change
- 2010 Northern Colorado Woman of Distinction Award
- 2008 Denver Business Journal Outstanding Women in Business Award
- 2006 Colorado State University College of Engineering Alumna of the Year Award
- 2006 Climate Change Hero recognition Aspen Climate Action Conference
- 2005 Governor's Pollution Prevention Advisory Board Award for being Colorado's first Climate Neutral company
- 2004 Northern Colorado Business Report "40 Under Forty" emerging business leaders award

PERSONAL INTERESTS

- FAA certified remote pilot small unmanned aircraft systems
- Outdoor enthusiast
- Resides with family in Colorado's first LEED certified home