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Jim Johnson has served in the aviation industry in various positions, including the transition and development of international airports, as well as management, operation, and safety of airports in the United States, Middle East, Europe, and Africa. Also, he has many years experience developing and operating airport commercial and industrial parks and other economic development projects, including experience in developing and operating Free Trade Zones and intermodalism at airports. Jim also served as a Regulatory Officer charged with airport certification inspections under the auspices of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) while stationed in Saudi Arabia. During his tenure as Managing Director of the Pristina International Airport in Kosovo, Jim was responsible for leading that airport out of a serious deficit operation into profitability and creating a more efficient operation capable of sustaining itself into the future. With Jim's vast experience he was able to accomplish this in the first year, while at the same time, leading Pristina's team in winning the prestigious Airports Council International (ACI) "Best Airport in Europe" award in 2006, in its category. Jim was also successful in transitioning his position to a local Kosovo Managing Director after only one year. In 2007, he was retained under an ICAO contract as Principal Advisor to the Board of Directors and Airport's Managing Director to ensure the airport continued to grow and increase its profitability.

During 2008/2009 Jim contracted with the Technical Assistance Bureau of ICAO, during which time he was assigned as Consultant to the Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority (ECAA) with the responsibility to develop a methodology to assist ECAA with the certification of that country's Airports.

In 2010 he was retained by an Italian firm under a European Commission (EC) contract to assist the Croatian Civil Aviation Agency (CCAA). This assignment entailed assistance to the CCAA in preparation for a comprehensive International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) audit. Following the audit, it was necessary to prepare a plan for resolution of the audit findings and to file all differences between CCAA laws and regulations and ICAO Standards.

In late 2010 Jim was contracted to conduct a technical audit on a 30 month duration ICAO project in Afghanistan. That audit encompassed several aviation areas such as, Operations, Safety Management Systems (SMS), Air Traffic Control (ATC), Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF), Navigational Aids (NAVAIDS), Computers, Electrical & Mechanical Engineering, Aeronautical Information Systems (AIS), Meteorology (METS), and English Competency Evaluation & Instruction.