# INTRODUCTION

- Opening Comments
- Scope of Topic
  - Engineering / Project Management

## **REVIEW**

- Hot Market: Energy Demand
  - delayed projects finally hitting.....all at once
  - mega projects
  - international projects
  - remote areas
  - complex
- Resource Issue
  - aging work force
  - attracting, recruiting, retention challenges

Perfect Storm

## COMPARING THE '70'S BOOM vs. NOW

- Not all sectors were as active in the '70's simultaneously
- Not as many mega projects simultaneously in '70's
- Composition of work force (age, experience) was more balanced
- Attracting, recruiting, retention dynamics were different in '70's

## FOCUS ON ATTRACTING / RECRUITING / RETENTION

#### Attracting Candidates

- Image Issue
  - The 80's
  - · The "Green" Issue
  - Competition
  - International aspect

#### Recruiting

- "What can you do for me?"
- "Live to work" vs. "Work to live"
- Mobility issue
- Competition

#### Retention

- Psychology of "Tenure": Big change
- Intra industry poaching
- Inter industry recruiting
- Intolerance for waiting: no time to "earn spurs"

## **ACADEMIA / INDUSTRY RELATIONSHIP?**

# SOLUTION(S)?

Is there a "silver bullet"?

OR

Holistic solution?

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

- Retention programs for "gray hairs"
  - mentoring programs
  - accelerated OST
- Recruit for <u>industry</u>
- Earlier targeting of candidates: orientation / education
- Academia / Industry relationship
- Development of indigenous talent for international applications
- Programs to improve retention