

HR Solutions to Support Corporate Growth

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ECO Canada is a national HR organization and will present resources supporting environmental companies with labor market intelligence & benchmarking, recruitment & retention supports including funding opportunities, training & certification, and Indigenous relationship building.

ECO Canada will present the latest trends and opportunities emerging from research and highlight areas of growth and decline and tips and tools for employers to explore to be well prepared. The presentation will also highlight specific resources available to offset cost for organizations when hiring staff. This includes salary and training subsidies available via government programs that can drastically reduce risks employers face during recruitment and help organizations maintain healthy margins. Training opportunities, competency-based certifications systems, and proven steps to build Indigenous connections will also be featured.

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Kevin Nilsen started his career in leadership as an officer in the Norwegian Army before moving to Canada in 2000. After graduating from the University of Calgary, Kevin worked 7 years for ECO Canada, most recently as Director of Professional Services. Kevin rejoined ECO Canada in September 2016 to commence the role of President & CEO of the organization.

During his absence from ECO Canada, Kevin managed large global offshore oil and gas projects for Aker owned companies. The experience in the energy sector gave him great exposure to clients and stakeholders in Europe, Asia, and USA. During this time, he was first based in Norway and subsequently in Houston, Texas. As a key highlight, Kevin led the development of a cutting-edge Riser Gas Handling tool that ensures a safer and more environmentally friendly drilling process.

At ECO Canada, Kevin was responsible for the establishment of the Canadian Centre for Environmental Education (CCEE). He was also instrumental in the launch of regional networking events across the country, the growth of EP certification, and academic partnerships.

Throughout his career, Kevin has always had an unprecedented commitment to clients. In his role as CEO, Kevin's key focus is to ensure that ECO Canada's products and services align well with industry, government, and academic stakeholders.