

Technical Profile



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Kurt Thompson’s career in the Landscape and Irrigation Industry began in 1981. He has worked as a landscape and irrigation contractor and in wholesale distribution, irrigation manufacturing, and water use consulting and training. Mr. Thompson is the Technical and Training Director of Irrigation for Massey Services, Inc.

Credentials and Industry Activity

Bachelor of Arts, Business Administration - Washington State University

Licenses and Industry Certifications

- ◆ North Carolina Licensed Irrigation Contractor #1141
- ◆ Florida Water StarSM AP – Irrigation
- ◆ EPA WaterSense[®] Partner
- ◆ Certified Site Water Planner
- ◆ Irrigation Association Certification #01396
 - ~ Certified Irrigation Contractor
 - ~ Certified Water Conservation Manager
 - ~ Certified Golf Irrigation Designer
 - ~ Certified Commercial Irrigation Designer
 - ~ Certified Residential Irrigation Designer
 - ~ Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor
 - ~ Certified Landscape Drip Irrigation Auditor
 - ~ Certified Golf Irrigation Auditor
 - ~ Certified Irrigation Technician

Note: One of four people in the world to currently hold all nine IA landscape& golf irrigation certifications (2014).

Industry Activities

- ◆ EPA Water Sense[®] Partner
- ◆ Florida Water Star Certification Task Force
- ◆ Central Florida Water Initiative Conservation Committee
- ◆ Florida Irrigation Contractor License Advisory Committee – Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation
- ◆ Chairman PLANET Irrigation and Water Management Special Interest Group Committee
- ◆ FNGLA Education Committee
- ◆ Irrigation Association Ambassador
- ◆ Irrigation Association Education Committee
- ◆ Florida Water StarSM Irrigation AP Trainer
- ◆ Supervising Regional Instructor - Irrigation Association

Association Memberships

- ◆ Irrigation Association (IA)
- ◆ Florida Irrigation Society (FIS)
- ◆ Florida Nursery, Growers, and Landscape Association (FNGLA)
- ◆ Professional Landcare Network (PLANET)

Industry Work Experience (from current to 1981)

Landscape and irrigation service contractor – Technical and Training Director, Irrigation, - *Massey Services, Inc.* - Orlando, FL

Water use consultant and trainer – Owner, *K. Thompson and Associates, LLC* - Charlotte, NC and Pensacola, FL

Wholesale distributor of turf care equipment and irrigation - Vice President of Sales - *Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation, Inc.* - Pensacola, FL

Wholesale distributor of golf, commercial, and residential irrigation- National Irrigation Product Manager, Carolinas District Irrigation Specialist - *Hughes Supply, Inc* - Charlotte, NC

Manufacturer of golf, commercial, and residential irrigation - Mid-Atlantic Territory Mgr., Marketing Manager, National Sales Manager - *Buckner, Inc.* - Fresno, CA

Wholesale distributor of golf, commercial, and residential irrigation- Irrigation Department Manager - *Conely Company* - Salt Lake City

Large commercial landscape & golf course contractor - *Bland Bros. Landscaping* - Estimator and Job Cost Administration - Salt Lake City, UT

Custom residential landscape & irrigation contractor - *Gutru Landscape* – Laborer, Foreman, Estimator - Walnut Creek, CA

Nationally Recognized Technical Resource on Water Use

Mr. Thompson has been a guest lecturer and trainer since 1988. He has trained and worked with thousands of landscape and irrigation professionals and water regulatory agencies. He has also taught for or presented to landscape and horticultural programs at numerous colleges and universities as well as the leading national and state associations:

Industry and Associations

- Alberta Irrigation Association
- Atlantis Resort
- Carolina Irrigation Association
- City of Fresno, CA
- City of Raleigh, NC
- Connecticut Irrigation Contractor Association
- Florida Irrigation Society
- Florida Nursery Grower and Landscape Association
- Florida Turfgrass Association
- Florida Water Star™
- Gateway Irrigation Association (St. Louis)
- Georgia Turfgrass Association
- Golf Course Superintendent Association of America
- Houston Gulf Coast Irrigation Association
- Hunter Industries
- Irrigation Association
- Irrigation Association of New Jersey
- John Deere Landscapes University
- K-Rain Manufacturing
- Landscape Ontario (Canada)
- Mid-Atlantic Irrigation Association
- Mottech/Motorola
- North Carolina Landscape Contractor Association
- Organic Horticultural Business Alliance
- Professional Grounds Management Society
- Professional Landcare Network (PLANET)
- Rain Bird
- Seattle Water District, WA
- South Carolina Nursery and Landscape Association
- Southern Nevada Water Authority, NV
- St. John's River Water Management District
- Student Career Days - PLANET
- Texas Turf Irrigation Association
- Toro University
- Town of Cary, NC
- Town of Mt. Pleasant, SC
- Turfgrass Council of North Carolina
- Water Wise Counsel - AWWA

Colleges and Universities

- Brunswick Community College, Supply, NC
- Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte, NC
- Horry-Georgetown Technical College, Conway, SC
- Lake City Community College, Lake City, FL
- North Carolina State University Cooperative Extension Service
- Sand Hills Community College, Pinehurst, NC
- Spartanburg Technical College, Spartanburg, SC
- Triad Technical College, Charleston, SC
- University of Georgia, Athens, GA
- University of North Carolina Greensboro, Greensboro, NC

In addition to his training services, Kurt has also been part of the curriculum and presentation development teams for four national certification programs, co-authored eight training manuals and designed many training classes for the Irrigation Association. He is one of seven Supervising Regional Instructors for the Irrigation Association, where he is responsible for developing and training over 30 other instructors.

Additionally, Mr. Thompson co-created and launched the Florida Water StarSM irrigation certification training and co-developed the irrigation contractor certification exam for the state-wide voluntary water conservation program developed by St. John's River Water Management District.

Kurt has co-written a study guide to prepare candidates for the national CIC and state license exams, *Irrigation Contractor Exam Study Guide*, and is also one of the contributing authors on the revision of the irrigation industry's premier text book, *Irrigation, The Sixth Edition*.

He has written articles for many of the Green Industry's finest publications and association newsletters such as *Golf Course Management*, *Irrigation & Green Industry News*, *Landscape & Irrigation*, *Landscape Management*, *Green Master* and *Lawn and Landscape*.