



Biography - Larry W. Kiest Jr.



Larry Kiest Jr. is an inventor and entrepreneur who has continuously introduced innovations to the underground trenchless utility industry for more than 30 years.

Larry founded LMK Technologies in Ottawa, Illinois in 1993, and went on to establish LMK Pipe

Renewal located in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, serving as CEO since 2006. He has educated and led top-level teams to specialize in all aspects of sewer renovation as a full-service trenchless contractor, servicing municipalities throughout the state of Florida.

Larry is an internationally respected leader and speaker in the trenchless technology industry. He has authored numerous technical and educational papers which have been featured in a number of industry trade journals and included in presentations at trade conferences.

Larry has authored five published ASTM Industry Standards regarding technologies for renewing and sealing sewer collection systems. As an inventor, Larry has been an industry innovator for rehabilitation of underground sewer systems with a major focus on gasket sealing and long-term water tightness. As a result, Larry has more than 250 patents issued in 14 countries.

In 2005, Larry received the North American Society for Trenchless Technology Award and in 2013 was awarded the Trenchless Technology Person of the Year. In 2014, Larry was awarded the Chicago Innovations Award for his inventions for sealing sewer collection systems. In 2019, Larry was recognized as a Standard Bearer by NASSCO.

Larry has proudly served on the Board of Directors for a number of respected organizations, including NASSCO and NASTT.

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- National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)
- American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
- American Society of Testing Materials (ASTM)
- National Association of Sewer Service Companies (NASSCO)
- Water Environment Federation (WEF)
- Member of Collection Systems Committee
- North American Society for Trenchless Technology (NASTT)
- NASTT Member Strategic Planning Committee
- Member of No-Dig Conference Program Committee
- International Society for Trenchless Technology (ISTT)
- Advisory Board Louisiana Tech Trenchless Technology Center (TTC)
- Midwest Society of Trenchless Technology (MSTT)
- American Water Works Association (AWWA)

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