

## **BIOGRAPHY**

### **LYNN E. HOHENSEE**

Lynn E. Hohensee owns and operates LEH Communications, LLC, a communications consulting company in Lake Charles, La., specializing in marketing communications and public relations support for small, medium and large businesses and non-profit organizations.

Through LEH Communications, has been under contract with the West Calcasieu Port where he has served as port director since June 2006. From 2005-2009, he held a contract position with the United Way of Southwest Louisiana serving as Coordinator, Housing Initiatives and continues to provide communications consulting services to the United Way. He continues to serve in a communications consultant capacity with the United Way of SWLA.

Hohensee served as Executive Director of The Chamber Foundation/Southwest Louisiana in Lake Charles, La., prior to opening his business in August 2005. He joined The Chamber/Southwest Louisiana in June 2003 as the Director of Economic Development & Investor Relations for the Chamber/SWLA.

In February 2003, Hohensee formally retired from ConocoPhillips (formerly Conoco) after 22 years of service. In his final position with ConocoPhillips, he served as the regional director-public relations for company's Gulf Coast Business Unit headquartered in Lake Charles, from March 1999 to September 2002.

Hohensee is a 1971 graduate of South Dakota State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in journalism/geography (double major). He joined Conoco in 1981 in Houston as editor-corporate publications and later served as senior coordinator for marketing communications and senior coordinator for speaker services. Prior to relocating to Lake Charles in 1999, Hohensee served as the company's director of public relations for the Northwest area (1987-1988) and regional director-public affairs for the company's Mid-continent Business Unit (1988-1999) in Ponca City, Okla.

Prior to joining Conoco, he held corporate communications/community relations positions for Shell Oil Company in Louisiana and Texas for eight years.

Paralleling his civilian corporate communications career, Hohensee pursued a 28-year public affairs career in the U.S. Army and U.S. Army Reserve. He is a graduate of the Department of Defense Information School and the U.S. Army Command & General Staff College. He retired as lieutenant colonel in 1999.

Locally in Southwest Louisiana, Hohensee is a member of the Alliance/Southwest Louisiana's Economic Development Network and sits on the

Chamber/Southwest Transportation Committee and the Workforce Development Committee. He serves as chairman of the Calcasieu Parish Workforce Investment Board and president of the Board of Councilors at CHRISTUS St. Patrick Hospital. He leads the administration committee for the Calcasieu Waterway Harbor Safety Committee, and is a member of the Propeller Club of Southwest Louisiana, where he serves on the organization's higher education fund-raising committee. He is on the advisory board for the Department of Mass Communications at McNeese State University and serves on the boards of directors for the Southwest Louisiana Chapter of the American Red Cross and the Boys Village. At the state level, Hohensee serves on the board of directors for the Ports Association of Louisiana. He has served on the communications committee for the United Way of Southwest Louisiana campaigns for the past nine years. He is a member of the Lake Charles Ad & Press Club. He served on the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Citizens Advisory Board (2000-2002) and is a 2000 graduate of Leadership-Chamber/SWLA.

While with Conoco in Louisiana, Hohensee served on the public relations committee of the Lake Area Industrial Alliance and the Southwest Louisiana Regional Council of The Nature Conservancy-Louisiana.

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