

Ziad Alaywan, President & Chief Executive Officer

ZGlobal, Inc



Ziad Alaywan formed ZGlobal Inc. in early 2005 after working for almost a decade with the California Independent System Operator (CAISO), the control center responsible for ensuring a reliable power system for the state's 33 million residents. In 1996, prior to the formation of the CAISO, Mr. Alaywan worked for the CAISO trustees and led the start-up effort of the new organization, focusing on the development and implementation of the bidding, scheduling, pricing and settlements systems. He was one of the first employees hired by the CAISO in May of 1997, where he was instrumental in the start-up of the pioneering organization with responsibilities included hiring staff, negotiating multi-million dollar contracts, and managing several hundred million dollar projects with multiple vendors and utilities in governmental and stakeholder environments. He successfully implemented the CAISO markets and operating systems within one year, as was his charge.

Mr. Alaywan worked his way up to Director of Market Operations and Managing Director of Engineering and Operations Market Operations at the CAISO. His achievements at the CAISO included leading the start-up of grid operations and the redesign of the new market structure following the 2000-2001 power crisis.

From 1987-1996, Mr. Alaywan worked for Pacific Gas and Electric, San Francisco, California in variety of engineering positions. He supervised the real-time operations of PG&E generation, transmission, and scheduling in the Energy Control Center located in San Francisco.

Mr. Alaywan holds bachelors and masters degrees in Electrical Engineering from Montana State University. In 2002, he completed the Executive Management Program at the Haas School of Business, University of California at Berkeley. Mr. Alaywan has written over 50 publications on a variety of subjects from electricity market design to implementation and operation of the electric grid. He has given numerous testimonies at FERC, the California State legislation, the California State Senate and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). Mr. Alaywan is a certified Professional Engineer in the State of California and is a Senior IEEE member.