

Global energy demand fuels growth for Faithful+Gould



Although there continues to be much doom and gloom about the state of the UK economy, the energy crisis is at least providing some cheer for the highly successful, international project management and cost consultancy, Faithful+Gould, based at Stockton's Teesdale Business Park.

Complemented in the UK by a spread of international offices spanning Asia Pacific, Europe, the Middle East and the USA, the consultancy has continued to build its reputation and global market share by adding real value and enhancing long term returns on investment for clients in the transport, property and industry sectors.

Moreover, the recent escalation in the cost of oil and America's commitment to reducing its dependence on imported petroleum are both creating unparalleled opportunities for the development of Faithful+Gould's USA office network.

Several \$multi-billion projects have evolved in the USA over the last two years with at least seven refinery projects and several nuclear plants now proposed. Faithful+Gould has already had an involvement in many of these projects.

For those who may have entertained the notion of working overseas, Faithful+Gould's corporate development strategy is able to provide some excellent career prospects for ambitious construction sector professionals according to Trevor Green, National Energy Sector Lead for the USA. Trevor moved to Houston with his family ten years ago and is currently recruiting skilled staff to underpin Faithful+Gould's growth in Asia Pacific, USA and Canada.

He says: "It is certainly a time of opportunity in our sector and the prospect of being able to export local skills, honed in and around the Tees Valley, to the major global energy sector projects in which we are already involved, is really exciting.

"My career is typical of the career progression possible within Faithful+Gould. I spent my first ten years working for Faithful+Gould's industrial clients from the Stockton office, then moved to support major projects near London and then travelled more extensively in the Middle East, Eastern Europe and Canada.

"There are actually quite a number of local Teesside people in the upper management structure of Faithful+Gould who are responsible for driving the business forward.

"For example, Bill Bottomley, who is director of the Middle East and Asia, is originally from Middlesbrough and our Managing Director of Worldwide Operations, Richard Hall, has recently moved from Stockton to the USA to take up this role. CEO in the USA, Paul Wood from Redcar, and Tim Horner, USA Central Region Manager, is also from the Stockton area. They both moved across the pond ten years ago and regard it as their home.

"From Houston which is at the centre of the US energy industry, if not the world energy industry, we are watching with interest as the market opportunities unfold. This is because the energy sector acts as a mirror for our major clients' business operations by encompassing a wide range of organisations such as upstream oil and gas, downstream refining and chemicals, power generation - from nuclear to alternative energy forms - and the infrastructure needed for their delivery.

"Company owners in these areas are struggling to keep pace with rising construction costs and scarce resources. We have a pressing need to build project controls teams that offer a range and depth of experience able to support such massive projects as well as identify experienced and skilled leaders to manage them - people who are capable of liaising with the client's senior management.

"We are particularly looking for people capable of managing the nuclear and alternative energy sub-sectors. **Quantity Surveyors, Cost Engineers, Planners / Schedulers, Project Controllers and Estimators** are absolutely key roles for us and as such offer tremendous career development prospects throughout the USA and Asia Pacific regions."

The above vacancies will be the focus of the careers Open Evening Faithful+Gould is holding on:

Thursday 31st July between 4-8pm in the Middlehaven Suite, Riverside Stadium, TS3 6RS.

Senior managers will be available to talk about the details of the vacancies and projects to the practicalities of relocating, visa, packages and lifestyles etc. You can find out further information about the event and even pre book an interview to take place on the evening through the following website link:

www.fgould.com/careers/international

or by contacting Gina-Marie Bell (+44) 1642 525603 or Catherine Mayo (+44) 121 483 5089 for further information

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