

# John "JB" Byrd

VICE PRESIDENT OF PUBLIC POLICY

## **Education**

- M.B.A. Winthrop University
- B.A. James Madison University

## **Policy Areas**

- Surveying, Mapping, GIS and Geospatial
- Small Business
- Telecommunications
- Transportation & Infrastructure

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### Bio

"JB" is Vice President with Miller/Wenhold Capitol Strategies specializing in government affairs with 18 years in advocacy, policy, and strategic initiatives. He began working in the Federal policy arena in October 2001 as an aide to a U.S. Senator. In 2005, JB was hired by John M. Palatiello & Associates, a public affairs consulting firm which merged with Miller/Wenhold in 2018. He is the registered federal lobbyist for the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) and was the first Government Affairs Manager for MAPPS. JB is also the lead staffer for the Council on Federal Procurement of Architectural and Engineering Services (COFPAES) since 2005, the Business Coalition for Fair Competition (BCFC) since 2009, the Digital Coast Partnership and Advocacy Coalition since 2012, the 3D Elevation Program (3DEP) Coalition since 2014, and the Coalition for the White House Conference on Small Business (WHCSB) since 2015. JB now lobbies for the Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) Association, the U.S. Geospatial Executives Organization (USGEO), and the Geospatial Equipment & Technology Institute (GETI).

### Client activities and results:

- Won five recorded votes on House appropriations bills
- Secured reforms in the: 2012 NFIP Bill; 2016 PHMSA Bill; 2018 FAA Bill; 2018 WRDA Bill; 2018 Farm Bill; 2018 FIRST STEPAct; and annual defense authorization bills (NDAA)
- Lead or collaborated in numerous DC-based coalitions on coastal, floodplain, & infrastructure efforts & stakeholders
- Created a Congressional Caucus & enhanced two PACs
- Arranged Congressional committee witness appearances & testimonies, & organized presentations before Federal agency public hearings and events at The White House
- Regular speaker and panelist involving policy and/or process