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**Burns & McDonnell Hires Ravikanth Varanasi to Expand Business Consulting Services in Texas**

HOUSTON — With a continued focus on strengthening and building the electrical infrastructure in the South, Burns & McDonnell — ranked the [No. 1 firm in electrical power and transmission and distribution](http://hubs.ly/H07CTDG0) by *Engineering News-Record* — hires [Ravikanth Varanasi](https://www.linkedin.com/in/ravikanthvaranasi/) to lead a regional [business consulting services](http://hubs.ly/H07CSnT0) team and support utility clients across Texas.

“Ravikanth has worked for and with major U.S. utility companies, giving him a deep understanding of our clients’ needs and perspectives,” says [Allen Xi](https://www.linkedin.com/in/xi-allen-70055210/), Burns & McDonnell senior vice president and regional [transmission and distribution group](http://hubs.ly/H07CTFV0) manager. “Whether its maintaining environmental compliance while minimizing costs, predicting future loads on a utility system or incorporating new technologies and upgrading equipment, our firm is uniquely positioned to support each need. Ravikanth’s breadth of technical experience in the power industry and consulting make him a perfect fit to lead our growing business consulting team in Houston.”

Varanasi has more than 15 years of experience in transmission planning and development, utility system planning, transmission studies consulting, North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) compliance, energy policy, transmission regulatory affairs, energy price forecasting and power markets modeling.

 “With an increase in renewable energy resources, ever-changing regulations and an aging electrical infrastructure, it’s more important than ever before for utilities to have cost-effective enhancements, innovative designs and strong operations management,” says Varanasi. “I’m passionate about leveraging my experience to help clients tackle each challenge.”

Varanasi is a licensed professional engineer in Washington. He holds a bachelor’s degree in electrical and electronics from the National Institute of Technology-Karnataka and a master’s degree in electric power engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

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