David C. Lawler

Chairman and President of bp America Inc. Chief Executive Officer of bpx energy

Since July 1, 2020, Dave Lawler has served as chairman and president of bp America. He also serves as chief executive officer of bpx energy, bp's onshore energy team in the US, a business he has led since 2014.

Dave joined bpx in 2014 from SandRidge Energy, a US-based oil and gas independent, where he served as executive vice president and chief operating officer. For four years prior to SandRidge, Dave was chief executive officer and president of PostRock Energy Corporation and its predecessor entities. A 30-year veteran of the energy industry, he began his career as a production engineer with Conoco and as a drilling engineer with Burlington Resources. He also worked with Shell for 10 years in its US Gulf Coast Business Unit.

A Denver native, Dave graduated from the Colorado School of Mines with a Bachelor of Science in petroleum engineering before earning an MBA from Tulane University.