



David Klanecky President & CEO, Cirba Solutions

Recognized for his impressive 30-year career as an expert in battery materials, David brings his combined global expertise and knowledge to his role as the Chief Executive Officer and President at Cirba Solutions.

With seven strategic locations, Cirba Solutions is the most comprehensive provider in the battery recycling management and materials industry. As a trusted service provider across North America, the company collects batteries at end-of-life, processing them to extract the critical materials and returning them into the supply chain.

Leading the company's strategic growth, Klanecky led a capital raise securing \$300 million dollars, the company was awarded multiple grants through the Department of Energy totaling over \$82 million dollars, all within his first year with the company. David is focused on expanding operational and technological capabilities to support the growing needs of the circular domestic battery supply chain through collaboration with both the public and private sectors.

David sits on the External Advisory Committee for the Advanced Energy Technologies Directorate within the Department of Energy, acts as Board Director for Nanograf, AIChE Sustainability, and the Piedmont Lithium Foundation, and is President-Elect of NAATBatt International.

Klanecky previously served as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Piedmont Lithium, where he helped to build North America's largest Lithium company. From 2013 to 2021, David served in increasingly senior management roles within the Albemarle Corporation, the world's leading lithium producer, including as the Vice President of Strategy and Corporate Development, and most recently serving as Vice President of Lithium Operations, Asian-Pacific / European Union, with global responsibility for Albemarle's manufacturing and operations, process technology, and product management within the



global lithium business. He also served as interim Chief Executive Officer of the MARBL joint venture between Albemarle and Mineral Resources Ltd, which includes the Kemerton and Wodgina assets in Australia. Before joining Albemarle, David had a twenty-year career with the Dow Chemical Company, spanning the globe to including expat assignments in Spain, Switzerland, and China. In his last role with Dow, David launched the Dow Energy Materials Business, which focuses on Lithium-Ion Battery Materials offerings for cell manufacturers and Auto OEMs.

David holds a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Nebraska, and an Executive Master of Business Administration from Arizona State's Thunderbird School of Global Management.