Chris leads 1898 & Co., a business, technology and security solutions consultancy, part of Burns & McDonnell. 1898 & Co. has more than 250 professionals across the U.S. working with clients to advance growth initiatives and develop strategies for success amidst a rapidly changing business environment. Under his leadership, this group has developed into one of the industry’s most forward-thinking businesses, providing a range of services focused on serving its infrastructure clients during a transition towards a digital economy.

Chris started at Burns & McDonnell in 2002, supporting electric utilities and transmission developers on projects ranging from power system planning studies to regulatory compliance consulting services. His strategic approach led him to become the firm’s manager of transmission development, helping build what is now North America’s largest provider of engineering services in electrical transmission and distribution. Chris also established a strategic business unit responsible for driving diversified revenue streams through internal innovation, strategic investments and product partnerships.

He served four years on the firm’s Corporate Citizenship Committee, helping establish the annual Charity of Choice program, which selects a single nationwide initiative to receive focused donations from employee-owners. In the community, Chris is a board member for Kansas City Public
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