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Jeff Ihnen joined Michaels Engineering in 1996 and began his energy efficiency career conducting many facility energy assessments, retro-commissioning and feasibility studies, building simulations, and custom efficiency engineering analyses for commercial and industrial facilities. Mid-career with Michaels, Jeff became Michaels' Energy division manager. His duties included energy analysis and report reviews, project management, recruiting, mentoring and coaching new engineering staff, and managing measurement and verification projects. In 2010, Jeff took a minority stake in Michaels Engineering and was named managing principal.

Jeff's current responsibilities as chief executive officer include energy efficiency program design and evaluation planning, corporate strategic planning, corporate and program metrics and benchmarking, marketing, and sales.

Jeff earned a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from South Dakota State University. He spent four and half years in the Naval Nuclear Propulsion program earning a master's in nuclear engineering (classified). Prior to joining Michaels, Jeff went on to earn a master of science degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.