

# Watco Transportation Services, Inc. Announcement



**Date:** June 22, 2009  
**To:** Watco Team  
**From:** Keith Barksdale, Director of Operations, Gulf Region  
**Subject:** Gulf Region Chief Engineer, Cene Cooley

I am pleased to announce Cene Cooley has accepted the position of Chief Engineer for the Gulf Region. As Chief Engineer Cene's role will include the planning, development and overseeing of the capital and maintenance budgets. He will also be responsible for staffing, training and safety in the Gulf Region.

Cene has been in the railroad business since 1990 when he started with the Kyle Railways in Arizona as a locomotive mechanic. StatesRail purchased the Kyle Railroad and when Cene left StatesRail in 1997 he was serving as general manager. After working for 6 years in the rail contracting business Cene went to work as roadmaster for the South Kansas & Oklahoma Railroad from 2002 to 2004 and on the Eastern Idaho Railroad from 2004 to 2006. He then left Watco to serve in operations and then as director of operations for a railroad contracting company.

Cene and his wife Barbara have a combined total of seven children; Bridgett 25; Ronie 22, Taylor, 22; Susie, 18; Matthew, 18; Dakota, 14 and Jessica 11. In his spare time Cene enjoys hunting, fishing and gunsmithing.

Cene will be working out of the Houston, Texas, office and can be contacted by cell phone at 281-639-0293 or by e-mail at [ccooley@watcocompanies.com](mailto:ccooley@watcocompanies.com).

Please join me in wishing Cene great success in his new position with Watco.