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Eric Porter was grew up in Monroe, Louisiana. He is the senior partner with the construction and program management firm, ComNet, LLC. Eric attended Wossman High School where he was an all state hurdler in track in 1976 and 1977. Eric has always aspired to be in business for himself following the footsteps of his grandfather Cornelius Welch.

Mr. Porter enrolled at Southern University – Baton Rouge campus in fall 1977. He majored in business management and graduated one semester early in the fall of 1980. Eric's career started in the corporate world with Emery Worldwide from 1980 through 1988 in Kansas City, Mo. Eric was able to relocate to Louisiana and work for the old AT&T, MCI and back to AT&T. This spanned over 25 years.

ComNet, LLC was formed in 1998 by Eric Porter as a lead generating company for telecom, software development and interconnect companies that sold products that AT&T did not sale. After surviving seven AT&T layoffs from his employer over the 25 year span, in May of 2005, Eric was removed from service with AT&T as the industry changed to wireless and with mergers and acquisitions, the mother of Ma Bell, the old AT&T was purchased by one of the Regional Bell Operating companies, Southwestern Bell and it renamed the company, the new AT&T. With a great severance package and a strong will to succeed on his own, Eric made ComNet a established company. After the named storm of 2005, ComNet blew it's projections and numbers off the charts. In 2006, ComNet, LLC started another division, ComNet Construction. Today, the company, ComNet provides construction management, construction services and program services to its clients.

Eric has three children and three grand children.

