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Grant Almond is the Vice President of Engineering, New Technology and Product Development in the Rig Technologies division at National Oilwell Varco (NOV). He is responsible for all Engineering activities, New Product Development, Technology Application, and Rig Technologies Control Software. In addition he is leading the Rig Automation initiative for drilling controls automation.

Grant studied Engineering at Brigham Young University and started his career in the oil and gas industry in 1980 working as a Field Engineer in the Rocky Mountain region. He transferred to Texas in 1990 and progressed through various management responsibilities in Field Engineering, New Product Development, Engineering, Technical Support and Services, Technical Sales and Marketing, and Education Services.

Grant also lead the development and delivery teams of various rig control products and participated in project management and product deliveries. In 2005 with the merger of National Oilwell and Varco (NOV) Grant took on a new challenge to integrate global Training operations and employee development to meet the growing demand for technical personnel and services in the industry. Core to this effort was the creation of the NOV Competency Management System still in use today. In 2007 the NOV Technical College Program was created under his leadership and first classes began in January of 2008 which also continues today.

Grant is an active member of industry organizations such as IADC/SPE and associated committees. He also works with various College and University Councils to identify and establish Engineering and technical education programs to meet the needs of the oil and gas industry.