

Desirée Stockermans, Strategic Markets Officer Ocean Sonics Ltd.



Desirée currently serves as the Strategic Markets Officer for Ocean Sonics Ltd. Ocean Sonics designs subsea instruments used for Ocean Science, Environmental Monitoring, Energy, Security, Fisheries and Aquaculture. Ocean Sonics specializes in underwater acoustics, digital signal processing & low power electronics. Ocean Sonics' excels in product engineering, research, and innovation, and combined with a team of professionals dedicated to customer satisfaction, gives the company its strong global reputation.

Ocean Sonics was established in 2012 in Great Village, NS to manufacture a product called icListen, a Smart Hydrophone, which measure sounds in the ocean. Ocean Sonics is changing the way we listen, record, and understand ocean sounds.

Desirée Stockermans graduated from UNB with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry. She worked for six years in England providing advice to city planners on the effects of building developments on trees and the environment. While living on the Bay of Fundy and studying for a Masters of Environmental Studies at Dalhousie University she became interested in ocean science, and in the process to designate the Bay of Fundy as a Biosphere Reserve.

Desirée started working part-time for Instrument Concepts Sensor Software Inc. (the predecessor to Ocean Sonics Ltd) while raising three children.

Desirée was able to develop the skills needed in finance, commercialization, management, human resources, and customer relations by seeking opportunities with local and regional organization such as:

- Saint Mary's University Business Development Program
- Colchester Regional Development Agency
- Northern Opportunities for Business Limited (NOBL)
- Centre for Women in Business
- Nova Scotia Business Inc.

She has successfully led a high-tech engineering company into global markets.

In addition to Desirée's responsibility to manage the day-to-day operations of two companies, she has also found time to volunteer on a variety of organization the help give people opportunities in rural NS.

Desirée and her husband live in rural Nova Scotia on the Bay of Fundy.