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Ronald W. Chilton is the founder, president and chief executive officer of National Trench Safety (NTS), which has a coast-to-coast network of branch locations. NTS serves thousands of contractors, municipalities and developers with trench boxes, trench shields, slide rail systems, message boards, barrier walls and more. The company offers trench and traffic safety training to keep crews Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA)-compliant and safe on the jobsite.

Prior to NTS, Chilton was the president of Modern Group, Ltd., Dragon Products, Ltd. and MG Finance, Ltd., a group of family-owned companies specializing in the design, manufacture and sales of engineered steel tank and waste container products. Prior to Dragon, Chilton served as president of NES Trench Shoring and vice president for National Equipment Services, Inc. in charge of the southwest region (the largest single region for the company) and was responsible for about \$225 million in revenue, 86 nationwide locations and more than 1,300 employees. Before NES acquired The Plank Company, Chilton was the chief operating officer of The Plank Company, a large, national independent trench safety rental company, and the chief operating officer for Speed Shore Corporation, a prominent trench safety equipment manufacturer. Chilton has also held executive and/or senior management positions with Hydro Resources, SRG Inc., Colt Industries, Inc. and Smith International.

Before his prominent business career, Chilton was a professional pilot. He served in the United States Marine Corp. during the Vietnam War.