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**“Achieving excellence is not a simple solution; it’s a journey and requires a commitment on all levels to improve a little every day.”**

### Lending a Hand

My passion for helping manufacturers and more importantly, people, runs deep. In my most recent role with a healthcare manufacturer, I was privileged to witness the meaningful impact we made on people’s lives. As a team member of IMEC, I am able to continue to pursue my passion by assisting Illinois companies to retain jobs, and create new jobs and opportunities for the manufacturing workforce.

With over 25 years of manufacturing experience working in a variety of roles on both the production floor and in the front office as a director of operations, I bring a broad perspective to any situation in order to gain the best results.

### My Background

I began my manufacturing career working my way through college, and quickly realized that manufacturing was a field in which I belonged. I worked my way through the ranks, beginning as a technician and was steadily promoted throughout my career from supervisor to supply chain project manager and eventually to director of operations.

My expertise is within Lean manufacturing, project management, facilities layout, new product development, supply chain management and top-line improvements. Having a broad range of manufacturing experience, I pride myself on bringing the right solutions and strategies to solve the most pertinent and critical challenges.