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“ We can show you how to do “it” right the first time and avoid wasting time, energy and resources having to do “it” again. ”

Based in the Metro East St. Louis region I work as part of high performance teams that draws upon IMEC's extensive state and national resources to help companies implement actions to improve their productivity and competitiveness.

I have over 35 years of progressive experience in engineering and continuous improvement consulting and training. I managed various business operations, with P&L and personnel responsibilities. In addition to my experience in the private sector, I spent over 11 years with IMEC's Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) affiliate center in Missouri.

As a Project Manager with Missouri Enterprise, I led projects that enabled manufacturers to improve productivity by implementing the Toyota Production System of Lean Manufacturing. I am a seasoned business management professional with a range of operational capabilities to help manufacturers improve cost, quality, and productivity performance.

Expertise

- Lean Enterprise
- Systems Process Improvements
- B.S. in Engineering Management with a minor in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla.

Specialized Skills

- Value Stream Mapping
- Visual Controls
- Lean Assessment
- Supply Chain Integration
- SMED/SUR/QC
- 5s – Workplace Organization
- TPM
- Pull/Kanban Systems
- Work Cells

Results

Setup reduction project on CNC Machining cell resulted in an average 75% reduction in setup time across all changeovers. This provided additional capacity and flexibility across all machining centers.