

Jim D'Agostino
CEO, MEP Center Director

Jim is a recognized leader with over 20 years of diverse manufacturing experience. Throughout his career, he has established a distinguished track record for engineering management, quality assurance, staff development, manufacturing and operations excellence, and change management. Jim combines his leadership and technical background to deliver innovative solutions to business opportunities involving lean six sigma (LSS), training and development, quality management, continuous improvement (CI), technical problem solving, and ISO9001/TS16949 standards implementation and compliance.

Jim is an experienced project leader and trainer. He has led a multitude of LSS and CI initiatives, including 5S, Value Stream Mapping, and Process Improvement Kaizen Events that have returned significant savings. Jim also drove the successful implementation of ISO9001 registration at one of his employers.

Jim's previous positions include Plant Manager, Engineering Manager, Quality Manager, and various other operational roles. Jim has worked in both union and non-union settings, and his experience covers a wide array of industries including precision machining, furniture manufacturing and assembly, automotive machining and assembly, paper manufacturing, compression spring manufacturing, and water pump assembly. James has worked for companies such as Magna Powertrain / New Process Gear, Interface Solutions, Associated Spring, and Xylem. He is a Certified Technical Problem Solutions "Journeyman", as well as an ISO9001 internal auditor.

Jim holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix and was a member of the Delta Mu Delta Honor Society (Excellence in Business Administration). He also holds a Bachelor of Science from Syracuse University with a major in Mechanical Engineering and a minor in Mathematics.