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EXPERIENCE PROFILE

Supply Chain Process Leader, Sabic Innovative Plastics (GE Plastics), Pittsfield, MA, 3/2005 - Present

Designed, implemented and now lead the global Sales and Operations Planning process, balancing demand, capacity and inventory. The S&OP process has been recognized as world-class and an industry best practice. 2007 benefits exceeded \$100MM. 2008 finished goods inventory was reduced by 20%.

Adjunct Professor, Union Graduate College, School of Management, Schenectady, NY 1/2005 - Present

Adjunct professor for Operations Management (2005-Present). Designed and developed a new course in Project Management to be offered in the Spring of 2009.

Six Sigma Blackbelt, Information Systems, GE Plastics, Pittsfield, MA, 4/2002-3/2005

Information Technology Quality Leader, drove \$250MM+ in benefits through globalization and integration of sales, inventory and production information. Lead project teams teams in the conceptual design of internal websites and the deployment of advanced supply chain optimization tools. Mentored blackbelt and greenbelt projects in the areas of Supply Chain, Global Technology and Environmental Health and Safety.

Digitization Leader, Information Systems, GE Plastics, Pittsfield, MA, 8/2000 - 4/2002

Team leader for the establishment/deployment of a global manufacturing core load to achieve \$21MM in benefits for 80+ global stakeholders. Responsible for all aspects of project management, including the activities of 21 team members. Drove cross-business, cross-functional collaboration and digitization of repeatable processes. Designed and launched mass balance website to identify and track \$30MM of cost-out opportunity.

Leader, Pension Benefits Delivery Systems, GE Corporate Benefits, Schenectady, NY 6/1997-8/2000

Led teams responsible for pension and customer information. Set strategy and vision, provided leadership and direction, integrated six sigma rigor, fostered and promoted an energized team environment. Responsible for resource planning, allocation, and prioritization. Successfully prepared for an uneventful Y2K, including two major systems migrations (70 member team). Successfully launched GE Benefits website for retirees.

Manager, Enterprise Team, GE Power Systems Services, Schenectady, NY 5/1995 – 6/1997

Jointly directed \$10MM project to implement an enterprise-wide systems solution for the Global Services business. Individually led a successful pilot project to implement standard financial modules, planning, scheduling, simulation, production control, configuration and project management.

Manager, Order to Remittance Info Mgt, GE Power Systems Services, Schenectady, NY, 6/1994 – 5/1995

Assembled team of ten individuals dedicated to improving business processes through the effective use of information technology. Successfully transitioned to a process focused, pro-active team. Initiatives included consolidation of like processing across multiple businesses and introduction of flow technology to the manufacturing process. Responsible for the support of all manufacturing systems, domestic and international.

Specialist-Manufacturing Systems, GE Apparatus Service, Schenectady, NY, 11/1992 - 6/1994

Responsible for all manufacturing systems used by 67 domestic Apparatus Service Centers. Productivity initiatives included implementation of job planning and scheduling software, on-site consulting and training, and the streamlining of manufacturing, purchasing, inventory control, and finance interaction. Selected to speak at the Pritsker Corporation's annual user conference (Topic: Finite Capacity Scheduling in a Job-Shop Environment).

MRP Planner/Shop Support, GE Industrial and Power Systems, Schenectady, NY, 3/90-11/92

Senior Consultant, GE Consulting Services, Albany, NY, 8/87-3/90

Industrial Engineer, GE Aerospace, Philadelphia, PA, 2/86-7/87

Manufacturing Management Program, General Electric Company, 1/84-2/86

EDUCATION

MBA, Union College, Schenectady, NY, 1991

BS, Industrial Engineering, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY, 1984

Experienced Information Mgt Leadership Program, GE, 1998-2000, one of 38 nominated for this program