

High Value Manufacturing Resiliency Partners



Bill May, President & Founder of HVMC

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Bill May has worked with industry giants like General Motors and Ford during his long career in manufacturing, at facilities across the U.S. and internationally. Bill's extensive experience includes a variety of systems from assembly, machining, casting, injection molding, metal stamping, die manufacturing to advanced manufacturing techniques. Bill founded HVMC in 2015 to share his knowledge and experience with manufacturers seeking to improve operations and become more profitable. HVMC delivers services related to On-Shoring, OEM/Supplier Support, and Compliance (Quality).



Becky Ferrell, Lead of Supply Chain / Compliance Strategies Director at HVMC

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With over 35 years of Global Supply Chain experience, Becky has worked with major automotive manufacturing and Tier One / Tier Two suppliers to identify opportunities and improve their operations. During an extensive assignment in Asia, Becky used her training to effectively improve both Greenfield and Brownfield facilities, while serving as a mentor to the Supply Chain personnel. As an experienced Lean and Supply Chain calibrator, she is able to identify issues and offer assistance in developing gap closure plans. Becky currently serves as a board member on the Greater Detroit chapter of APICS, and is a certified instructor in CSCP.



W. Thomas Brewer, President & CEO of Intelligent Mobility Planning LLC

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Thomas Brewer spent 34 years with General Motors where he held various positions including Controller and Planning Administrator at the Spring Hill Manufacturing Complex. He was responsible for executing the GM Global Launch Process for all new vehicle platform architectures and led 23 separate launches. Tom went on to serve as Managing Director for the Workforce Development and Conference Center at Northfield in Spring Hill, TN, to focus on economic development in the Southern Middle Tennessee region. He then transitioned into the role of Associate Vice President at Tennessee Tech University prior to starting his consulting company. Tom currently advises manufacturing start-up ventures and works to advance a TN-based Automotive Proving Grounds concept among a collaboration of stakeholders.



Pat Smith, Lead of Aerospace & Defense / Supplier Quality Management Strategies at HVMC

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With over 32 years of experience in an OEM automotive environment, Pat Smith is committed to achieving results through customer-oriented focus and team-based problem solving. He thrives in high-pressure and fast-paced situations, strives for positive results through the application of his product knowledge and troubleshooting abilities. He possesses expertise in program launch, quality management systems, automotive technology systems, and an aptitude for optimizing performance and motivating teams.