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David Veech is a founding team member of the Institute for Lean Systems and serves as its Executive Director. His consulting focus is on people in organizations and how lean systems contribute to overall employee satisfaction and well-being. He develops and teaches courses on topics related to problem solving, suggestion systems, employee involvement, team building, and creating satisfying workplaces. He has lead seminars and workshops in aerospace, automotive, wood products, healthcare, construction, chemical and pharmaceutical, continuous process, and marine industries for audiences reflecting the diversity of experience in modern corporations.

Mr. Veech brings a wealth of experience to client engagements having taught at the University of Kentucky for 5 years, and having served in a variety of positions in a 20 year career as an officer in the US Army including Operations Officer, Defense Contract Management Command, at Lockheed Martin Vought Systems, and Professor of Production and Quality Management at the Defense Acquisition University. He currently holds a faculty leader position for Penn State University's Smeal College of Business Executive Programs.

He is the author of several articles, appearing in publications as diverse as the Cost Management Journal, Defense Acquisition Review, and Louisville's BizFirst newspaper, and has been featured in the books "Kaizen and the Art of Creative Thinking" by Shigeo Shingo, and "Chasing Change" by Bob Thames.

Mr. Veech serves on the trade missions committee for the Kentucky World Trade Center, on the programming and membership committee of Greater Louisville, Inc. (GLI) Advanced Manufacturing and Logistics Network, and on the GLI Environmental Affairs Committee. He is a member of the Association for Manufacturing Excellence, the Society for Manufacturing Engineers, the Employee Involvement Association, the American Legion, and the Military Officers Association of America.

Mr. Veech earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations from Western Kentucky University, and a Master of Science degree in Industrial Management from Clemson University. He continues post-graduate studies primarily in Educational Psychology.

Mr. Veech is married and has three children. They live in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky.