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Background

- 18 years experience in metal fabrication and welding
- Degree from Oklahoma State University
- Examiner, Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award
- Regional Judge, International Team Excellence Award
- Member-Leader, American Society for Quality (ASQ), Tulsa Section 1409
- Community volunteer

Bart works with small to medium-sized manufacturing businesses that seek to improve their processes and achieve better bottom-line results. He has access to many resources that can be called upon to provide assistance to manufacturers. Examples of various projects in the past have included assisting a steel fabricator in getting a loan for equipment to expand the business, improved operations through the application of Lean Manufacturing Principles, seeking out new sources to improve the supply chain, training assistance on new machine operations, and economic development assistance to help companies grow their employment base through tax incentives.

After 18 years in a small, family-owned metal fabrication firm, Bart has a strong concern for similar organizations and the special challenges faced in that setting. Joining the CareerTech system in 1999, he has worked with organizations of every size to find the right fit for training initiatives that allow people to grow with their company. Beginning in 2000 with the Oklahoma Quality Award, he has assisted organizations that desire to constantly improve operations and pursue Performance Excellence through the use of the Malcolm Baldrige Performance Excellence Criteria. Using these criteria to provide insight, Bart is able to draw out critical understandings on how organizations work and the opportunities for improvement that exist. Other qualifications include Certified Manager of Quality/Organizational Excellence (ASQ), Denison Organizational Culture Survey Administrator, Developmental Dimensions Workshop Facilitator, and Performance Excellence Professional.

Bart's community volunteer activities have included Boy Scouts, Church of Christ, Sand Springs Volunteers in Police Service, Association of Career and Technical Educators, Tulsa Amateur Radio Club, Tulsa Repeater Organization, Amateur Radio Emergency Services (Red Cross Team), and the Tulsa Weather Forecast Office.

Notable Clients

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