



Bob Dean co-founded TBM Consulting Group 25 years ago. He recently retired from day-to-day consulting but he continues to serve on the TBM Consulting Group Board of Directors

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Bob played an instrumental role in the firm's global growth and expansion beyond traditional manufacturing shop floor improvement including: business process improvement, lean product development, lean accounting, as well as the introduction and application of new technologies to management process . Bob helped to translate and apply lean improvement methodologies (traditionally adopted by discrete manufacturers) into continuous process and service sector industries. He led the development of TBM's comprehensive library of standardized training materials, installed management system discipline and



standardized implementation techniques in TBM client organizations globally.

He trained for 10 years with the Japanese team (Shingijutsu) who worked under Taichii Ohno, the father of just-in-time and for the legendary Toyota Production System. Earlier in his career, Bob helped clients significantly reduce lead time, optimize inventory, improve productivity, quality and plant capacity. Bob retired from full time consulting at the end of 2017 and now serves on the TBM Board of Directors. He consults on an as-needed basis.

Bob has been a trusted advisor to several large global, multi-site organizations such as Allied Signal, Rank Group, Pella Corporation, John Deere, Boeing, General Electric Engines, United Technologies, Pratt & Whitney and Caterpillar. Prior to joining TBM, Bob spent six years as project engineer for Environmental Control Systems at Hamilton Sundstrand.

He has a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Clarkson University.

