



Jim Fay

Senior Project Manager

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Jim Fay brings more than 25 years of manufacturing experience to Maine MEP. His professional background includes roles in Operations Management, Project Management, Business Applications, and LEAN Implementation. As Operations Manager at DR Power Equipment in Vermont, Jim was pivotal in procuring the assistance of the Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center (VMEC) to assist with DR's LEAN implementation. Jim has experienced firsthand the impact and benefits of working with an MEP.



Joining the field team as a Senior Project Manager in 2018, Jim's focus is to assist small to mid-sized manufacturing businesses in achieving their business goals. Leveraging his own experiences, his colleagues, and Maine MEP's wider public-private resources, Jim will be able to provide performance assessments, training, and technical assistance to clients.

Jim's experience with LEAN began more than ten years ago, when he held the position of Plant Manager at DR Power Equipment and led their Lean Deployment, which began in 2008. He has experience in Single Piece Flow, Pull Systems, Visual Controls, Mistake Proofing, 5S, and Daily Management Systems. He successfully launched more than nine new product categories during his six years leading manufacturing at DR Power.

Jim's experience also includes his work at the Owens Corning Composites Solutions Business, where he held the position of Plant Manager at the Technical Fabrics facility, formerly located in Brunswick, Maine. At Owens Corning, Jim was responsible for maintaining the plant's quality management systems, implementing global best practices, and managing plant capital improvements.

Jim earned his Lean Bronze Certification through the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) in 2013. He also graduated from the Owens Corning Operations Excellence Leadership Program through The Ohio State University, Fisher School of Business. Jim also earned a certificate from the Management Excellence Series at Champlain College.

Jim is a graduate of the University of Maine Orono with a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture.