

# David Precht, MBA

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Senior Leadership, VP • Global Business Management • Manufacturing Executive • Integration

Proven Manufacturing and Supply Chain Senior Executive with domestic and international experience achieving significant advancements in safety, quality, and financial performance, while building impactful teams and increasing engagement. Excel with strategic planning, application of continuous improvement, and best practices. History of profitable growth and margin improvement. Recognized for significant achievements in business improvements through the application of lean principles, process streamlining and automation, and full P&L management responsibility. Lean Six Sigma Blackbelt. Certified Emergency Director through NIMS.

## KEY SKILLS

Strategic Planning | Strategy Development & Implementation | Global Business Leadership | Operations Supply Chain | Plant Management | Safety | Process Improvement | Production Flow | Employee Engagement Black Belt | Lean Six Sigma | OSHA | Regulatory Compliance | Risk Management | Emergency Management Program Management | Business Strategy | Project Planning | Competitive Analysis | Business Recovery Budgeting | P&L | Vendor Management | Contract Negotiations | Workforce Engagement | Hiring

## SELECTED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Safety Improvements:** Improved safety from Total Recoverable Incident Rate (TRIR) of 2.00+ to a TRIR of less than 0.45.

**Change Management:** Drove organization's culture change to embrace an environment valuing customer service and satisfaction, driving increased morale, engagement, and ownership. Result: Zero defects in the field related to manufacturing and to 25+% reduction of cost of poor quality in key areas.

**Profitability:** Increased overall profitability from approximately 5% return on sales to 15+% return on sales, 2010 to 2015.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of South Carolina | Columbia, SC | 2017-present

**Professor - Operations and Supply Chain, Management Science, Moore School of Business**

- Instruct classes in Operations Management
- Mentor student Capstone project teams working with corporations on process improvement projects

*Westinghouse career includes roles as Financial Analyst, Production Planner, and Manager positions in Manufacturing Team, Production Planning, Materials, Marketing, Chemical Operations, Customer Leadership, Facility Operations, Vice President and Plant Manager, and VP of Business Recovery and Integration. Westinghouse is the world's largest supplier of nuclear technology.*

Westinghouse Electric Co, Nuclear Fuel and Component Manufacturing | Columbia, SC | 2016-2017

**Vice President Business Recovery and Integration**

- Developed and implemented strategies and plans, resulting in improved performance.
- Research, analyze, and create business recovery best practices; applying risk management practices and security, project, incident, and service management principles.
- Developed strategy regarding the European nuclear fuel business.

Westinghouse Electric Co. – Nuclear Fuel Business | Columbia, SC | 2010-2016

**Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility Vice President and Plant Manager**

- Provided plant-wide leadership pertaining to safety, quality, delivery, and cost for site of 900 employees.
- Recognized for implementing significant improvements in industrial safety, regulatory compliance, quality performance, and production flow and volumes; incorporating safety suggestions and improvements from shop floor personnel.

- Improved workforce engagement, results reflected in Westinghouse Engagement Survey. Division earned one of highest rankings through the company.
- Developed one of the best industrial emergency brigades in US, according to independent expert feedback.

Westinghouse Electric Co. – Nuclear Fuel Business, Columbia, SC | 2006-2010

**Operations Manager – Columbia Fuel Fabrication Facility**

- Oversaw all manufacturing activities including, but not limited to, the following: Manufacturing Operations, Maintenance, and Materials Management.
- Achieved quality and throughput improvements.
- Increased on-time, in-full, without complaint delivery performance.

Westinghouse Electric Co. – Nuclear Fuel Business, Columbia, SC | 2004-2006

**Customer 1<sup>st</sup> Leader, certified black belt**

- Implemented Lean Six Sigma and human behavior initiatives and practices, monitoring impact to improve performance and bottom line.
- Managed and completed projects resulting in direct on-time performance improvement, inventory and waste reduction, and development of production planning process.

Westinghouse Electric Co. – Nuclear Fuel Business | Columbia, SC | 2001-2003

**Chemical Operations Manager**

- Oversaw daily operations throughout three areas in a 24x7 manufacturing operational environment.
- Managed and led 200+ people, providing training, coaching, and professional development for direct reports and leadership throughout the operations staff.
- Administered a \$20+M budget, including full P&L responsibility, forecasting, and budgeting.
- Improved quality, safety and reduced costs upwards of 10% through implementation of best practices.
- Engaged workforce, resulting in improved morale and productivity.

Westinghouse Electric Co. – Nuclear Fuel Business | Columbia, SC | 1999-2001

**Commercial / Marketing Manager**

- Created several “win-win” commercial and logistics arrangements with customers, suppliers, and manufacturing, applying strong negotiation, contract management, and business development skills.
- Contributed significantly to the development of the strategic plan spanning key areas of nuclear fuel.

Westinghouse Electric Co. – Nuclear Fuel Business | Columbia, SC | 1993-1999

**Materials Manager**

- Managed and led the Planning, Supply Management, Transportation, and Storeroom departments.
- Developed and implemented lean management process improvements and practices, resulting in a 2/3 cycle time reduction and 3/4 inventory levels reduction; additionally, improved customer support capabilities.
- Led a multi-site integration team to streamline material flow between three manufacturing sites, resulting in improved planning and reduced inventories and lead times.

**Additional Westinghouse Experience**

**Production Planning Manager | Manufacturing Team Manager | Production Planner | Financial Analyst**

**EDUCATION | TRAINING | RECOGNITIONS**

**Master of Business Administration** | University of South Carolina | Columbia, SC

**Bachelor of Science, Accountancy** | Miami University | Oxford, OH

**Black Belt**, Lean Six Sigma Certification | 2005

**Certified Emergency Director** | National Incident Management System | 2006 – present

**George Westinghouse Gold Signature Award** | Highest Westinghouse award for outstanding performance