

Consultant Biography

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Fred LaFontaine is a Regional Business Developer and Principal Consultant at Advanced Management Services, Inc. (AMS), a full service management consultancy servicing an international client base.

Fred's 20-year executive career includes Vice President, CQO or CMO at Western Digital, Toshiba and Kodak. He has successfully led international cross-functional teams of every level in Quality, Operations and Service. Among his achievements are developing and directing international teams in Project Management, Purchasing, Materials, Quality and Service and establishing global manufacturing, contract manufacturers and supply chains. He was a pioneer in establishing facilities in the Caribbean, Singapore, Korea, Bulgaria and Malaysia including developing a Taiwan facility from green field to 3500 employees and \$800 million in revenue over 4 years. Fred has over a 15 years of experience in the biotech and healthcare industries including negotiating and managing contracts in excess of \$100 million with international contract manufacturers and suppliers.

Consulting for 15 years, Fred excels at re-engineering business, operational and information processes and systems from strategic planning through project management saving over \$300 million for both large and small clients including PacBell/ SBC, Kaiser Permanente, Air New Zealand, Compaq/ HP, Sun Microsystems, United Airlines and Inhale Therapeutics. Project implementation is focused on cross-functional teams using Project Management, Six Sigma, Lean, Change Management and empowerment tools at all levels.

Fred is an ASQ Certified (and Motorola Master) Six Sigma Black Belt, ASQ Certified Quality Engineer (retired) and experienced project manager with PMI PMP training who also instructs classes through training companies and universities in the following: Project Management, Six Sigma, Lean Enterprise, Change Management, Supply Chain and the differences between PMI, Lean and Six Sigma processes and language.

He is the founder of the Six Sigma, Lean and Project Management Practitioners Forum. The organization is dedicated to providing an environment for discussing real world challenges and methods for overcoming them. It is for experienced professionals especially focused on Program Management Office and metrics. Fred is a member of the Speakers Bureau and speaks on topics including the Six Sigma, Lean, Project Management, and Supply Chain. Recently, Fred spoke about the impact of the FDA Bioterrorism Act on the food supply chain. He is also a member of APICS, NAPM and ISM.

Fred holds a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from the University of Massachusetts and two M.S. degrees (Management Science and Engineering) from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. He also completed a Certificate in Executive Management from the University of California, Irvine. Fred has served as a member of C.S.U.- Long Beach, Engineering Advisory Committee and is a past Member of the Board of Directors of Glacier Foods and Crosspointe Foods.