



Baly Ambegaoker

TIDL Federal

Baly Ambegaoker is a serial entrepreneur and business executive who, over the past 25+ years, has built and sold two successful businesses. Experienced in both the public and private sectors, she is skilled and capable of quickly adapting to the size, scale, and complexity of challenges across many different markets. Baly's goal is to give back to the business community, which she does through serving on multiple boards of directors. Baly earned an associate in architecture, BS degree in Management and her MBA from the New York University Stern School of Business.

In 1993 Baly Ambegaoker founded IDL Solutions, an IT Services firm serving federal government clients. With a remarkable blend of solid business acumen and innovative thinking, Baly set her sights on making IDL Solutions the premier provider of analytics and application development within the Federal government Healthcare sector. Her strategic vision led to her company winning multi-million-dollar awards, beating out multiple large businesses, resulting in the IDL Solutions successful acquisition by CACI in 2012. While at CACI, she worked closely with the C-Suite to develop pursuit strategies for the company's significant opportunities. After a two-year stint in a large, publicly traded company, the entrepreneurial bug returned. Baly cofounded her next company, CENTERPOINT; a cybersecurity firm. Leveraging her prior experiences, Baly quickly grew the firm by increasing more prominent contract awards while building a solid reputation for quality, capability, and mission focus. Gunnison Consulting Group acquired CENTERPOINT in 2022, her second successful exit in less than a decade. Currently, Baly serves on the Board of Directors for Gunnison Consulting.

Baly has also been a long-time member of the Board of Directors for the Wisconsin Procurement Institute (APEX), where she gives back to the small business community. Baly also serves on the Board of Advisors of TIDL, a pain management products company.

In addition to her many business successes, Baly devotes her time and financial commitment to supporting multiple charitable causes. She strongly supports professional women, education for children, and the elimination of childhood diseases. Throughout her career, Baly has received numerous accolades and awards for her business acumen. Some notable mentions include SBA Entrepreneur of the Year, Top 10 Woman-Owned Business, Future 50 Firm (3 consecutive years), and the 40 under 40 Entrepreneurial Award.

Apart from her thriving professional career, Baly is an avid enthusiast of several hobbies including golfing, reading, aviation, and traveling.



Amrith Kaur Aakre

Chicago District Director
U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

Amrith Kaur Aakre, a dedicated public servant and national civil rights leader, serves as the Director for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Chicago District. Under Amrith's leadership, the Chicago District enforces the agency's mission across 6 states to ensure that workers who seek the EEOC's help in remedying employment discrimination obtain relief. As a Senior Executive Service member, she also works with the highest levels of federal government to shape and implement civil rights policies, develop litigation, and build relationships with vulnerable communities and stakeholders in preventing and combating workplace discrimination. Prior to this role, Amrith served as the Legal Director for the Sikh Coalition where she led high-impact litigation matters while managing initiatives to protect the civil rights of all Americans in areas such as employment and school discrimination, hate crimes, racial profiling, and bias-based policy issues. Prior to joining the Sikh Coalition, Amrith served as a prosecutor in Chicago's Cook County State's Attorneys' Office for over 11 years, during which time she led transformative efforts to create and expand access to restorative justice and rehabilitative courts. A proud Chicagoan, she also coaches volleyball and track and field for the Chicago Public Schools.

The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) is responsible for enforcing federal laws that make it illegal to discriminate against a job applicant or an employee because of the person's race, color, religion, sex (including pregnancy and related conditions, gender identity, and sexual orientation), national origin, age (40 or older), disability or genetic information.

Most employers with at least 15 employees are covered by EEOC laws (20 employees in age discrimination cases). Most labor unions and employment agencies are also covered.

The laws apply to all types of work situations, including hiring, firing, promotions, harassment, training, wages, and benefits.



Buckley Brinkman

Executive Director/CEO

Wisconsin Center for Manufacturing & Productivity

Leading the organization since June 2011, Brinkman brought more than 25 years of transformational manufacturing leadership to WCMP, with a breadth of experience in helping companies drive growth, world-class competitiveness and performance excellence. Experienced in Lean, Six Sigma, supply chain management and turnaround planning, he led efforts to save dozens of operations in the U.S. by finding new ways for them to compete.

Throughout his career, Brinkman provided executive leadership to companies ranging from \$5 million to more than \$4 billion in sales. He revived the North American operations of the world's largest playing card company, led the turnaround of a prominent trade bindery, and catalyzed the profitable turnaround of a recycled paperboard mill. Brinkman is an industry thought leader who has authored several white papers on innovation, corporate culture, business strategy and other topics.

Brinkman served as president and chief operating officer of U.S. Music Corp., an Illinois-based musical instrument manufacturer; as chief operating officer of Minneapolis-based Manchester Companies, where he received the Turnaround of the Year award for his work with a medical device manufacturer; and as president of Vallon, LLC, a Minneapolis-based interim executive placement firm. Most recently, he served as executive director and CEO of the Wisconsin Manufacturing Extension Partnership (WMEP).

A Wisconsin native, Brinkman holds a Business degree from the University of Wisconsin and an MBA from the Harvard Business School.

The Wisconsin Center for Manufacturing and Productivity (WCMP) engages with partnerships and initiatives at the local, state, and federal levels. We continually provide the best available support and resources to help manufacturers reach their goals.

Collaborating with the UW-Stout Manufacturing Outreach Center (MOC) and the Wisconsin Manufacturing Extension Partnership (WMEP), the WCMP helps small and medium-sized manufacturers across the state grow and thrive in an increasingly challenging business environment.

The WCMP continues to adapt to changing conditions by identifying and evaluating our optimal mix of partners and the roles they play: strategic, operational and/or financial. Successful partnerships align with the WCMP in resource expectations, desired outcomes and key success metrics.



Sean Ketter

Vice President, Supply Chain Operations, Global Procurement and Supply Chain, Oshkosh Corporation

Sean Ketter is responsible for overall supplier performance, supply chain compliance, risk management and technology for Oshkosh Corporation. Sean leads the creation and deployment of common processes to understand and improve how Oshkosh Corporation and its global supply base work together. Sean is also leading a global effort to develop a more intelligent supply chain focusing on people, processes, and technology.

Since joining Oshkosh Corporation in 2006, Sean has led successful initiatives such as launching the Oshkosh Supplier Network (OSN), the historic M-ATV supplier launch in 2009, the introduction and adoption of advanced quality planning, the startup of the JLG Tianjin facility, the development of the GPSC Supplier Academy and oversaw the supply chain operation for Oshkosh Corporation's newest facility in Leon, Mexico. He is currently leading the largest process and technology modernization initiative in the company's history.

Before joining the company, Sean served in various roles with John Deere. Positions included Strategic Sourcing, Product Development, Quality and Supplier Development. Sean holds a bachelor's degree in Industrial and Systems Engineering and a master's degree in manufacturing systems Engineering both from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Sean serves as a member of WEDC's Transformational Productivity Initiative (TPI) steering committee, is an executive board member of the University of Wisconsin School of Business' Erdman Center for Operations and Technology Management and serves on the board of directors for the Wisconsin Procurement Institute.



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Nathaniel T. Millsap, Jr

Director, Security & Cyber
Fincantieri Marinette Marine

Nathaniel T. Millsap Jr. (“Nate”) is the Director, Security & Cyber for Fincantieri Marinette Marine and holds responsibility for the Information Technology, Export Compliance, and Security Departments. Nate focuses on cybersecurity, classified information management, U.S. export controls and advocating the use of technology to support strategic decision making. He also actively supports a member of the President’s National Infrastructure Advisory Council as their substantive point of contact. Nate’s Security team was a proud recipient of the

2017 Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency’s James S. Cogswell Award. Prior to joining Fincantieri in 2011, he served as the Program Manager for Government Contracts and Security at Cree, Inc. and was previously an active-duty U.S. Navy Intelligence Officer. Nate earned an M.S. in Management from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay and a B.S. in History from the U.S. Naval Academy. Nate serves as a Wisconsin Procurement Institute Board Member.

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Scale AI

The Scale Generative AI Platform leverages enterprise data to customize powerful base generative models to safely unlock the value of AI. The Scale Data Engine consists of tools and features to collect, curate and annotate high-quality data, in addition to robust tools to evaluate and optimize models. Scale powers the most advanced LLMs and generative models in the world through world-class RLHF, data generation, model evaluation, safety, and alignment.

Scale is trusted by leading technology companies like Microsoft and Meta, enterprises like Fox and Accenture, Generative AI companies like Open AI and Cohere, U.S. Government Agencies like the U.S. Army and the U.S. Airforce, and Startups like Brex and OpenSea.



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Aaron Powell

Partner, Partner – Chief Strategy Officer
Flexion Inc.

Flexion [flek-shen] is an agile software development and staffing company with nearly 25 years of experience delivering excellence to our clients. We leverage lean, agile principles to build iterative, high-quality software solutions that are innovative, user-friendly, and flexible. Our culture is built on autonomy, trust, collaboration, and transparency—we believe that successful delivery starts with hiring the right team and cultivating a strong people-first culture based on our Flexion Fundamentals. Flexion is a Federal Contractor to the Department of the Interior, Health and Human Services (HHS), and the General Services Administration (GSA).



Angelina Rivera

Manager, Supply Chain Group
National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
U.S. Department of Commerce

Angelina Rivera serves as Supply Chain Group Manager for the National Platforms Division of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP). She leads the supply chain team to identify current and future trends in manufacturing, especially those affecting small and medium-sized manufacturers. Her focus is the needs and barriers to market supply chain gaps. She also helps support the Supply Chain Optimization and Intelligence Network. Angelina leverages the collective knowledge, skills, and service delivery capacity of the MEP National Network (with 51 MEP Centers in each state and

Puerto Rico) along with strategic partners to generate supplier development opportunities that reach a greater number of manufacturers.

Angelina has over 25 years of experience in the manufacturing industry. She has held various positions from document control to sales and marketing in the private sector. From 2006-2023 she worked for the Marine Depot Maintenance Command in various positions including Command Executive Secretary, Budget Analyst, Administrative Advisor, and Supervisor Production Analyst. As a Supervisor Industrial Specialist, she managed the Metals, Coating, and Centralized Disassembly Branch for Production Plant Barstow (PPB), overseeing vehicles from the beginning of the repair cycle through final paint. As of December 2023, Angelina has worked for the Manufacturing Extension Program at NIST.

Over her career she has helped companies obtain ISO 9000 certification and recertification, and managed internal ISO auditing and document control. She has served as an ISO auditor and lead auditor. She obtained her Lean Manufacturing Training Certification in 2003, Lean Six Sigma Certified Green Belt in 2017, and Lean Six Sigma Black Belt in 2017, and has led several continuous process improvement projects. For example, she integrated information management by developing electronic documents to improve operations, productivity and provide cost savings. She increased document control efficiency by identifying and resolving issues and developing new processes. Angelina led over 70 process improvement projects at PPB. Her efforts eliminated bottlenecks, removed waste, streamlined processes, and reduced costs. Examples include establishing a centralized disassembly area, process reduction for weld repair cycle times, and standard work sequencing for all commodities from centralized disassembly to final paint.

As the Certified U.S. Marine Corps Yellow Belt Lead Instructor for PPB, she trained 600 individuals in continuous process improvement. She developed training modules focused on audience needs, including charter writing and value stream mapping. Angelina served as Team Lead on the Management Leader and Employment Involvement Sub-Committee of the Voluntary Protection Program. She was an active member for the Employee Recognition Day Committee and served as vice president of the board. Angelina holds a certificate in disruptive strategy from the Harvard Business School Online and a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Arizona Global Campus.



Aretha Spurlock

Team Lead, Services Division - Federal Supply Schedules Service, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Aretha Spurlock currently serves as the Lead Contract Specialist (LCS) for the Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) Service within the VA National Acquisition Center (NAC) located in Hines, Illinois. Ms. Spurlock is assigned to the Services team, and overall, is responsible for assisting FSS Service leadership with meeting agency mission goals, team development, training, and mentoring. While the Services Team is responsible for managing three FSS schedules (Professional & Allied Healthcare Staffing Services, Medical Laboratory Testing & Analysis Services, and Cost Per Test Clinical Laboratory Analyzers), Ms. Spurlock has extensive knowledge of all nine VA/FSS programs which makes her an invaluable resource. Ms. Spurlock is also a proud 20-year retired Army veteran where she served as a Medical Laboratory Technician. As a result of a successful military career, a career in the private sector and now as Lead Contract Specialist with the VA, Ms. Spurlock

brings to the position more than 15 years of contracting experience and a unique perspective and understanding of the customer, industry and government that allows her to assist others in meeting their goals. Ms. Spurlock holds a Master's in Business Administration and a Master's in Management/Procurement and Contract Management. She is also a graduate of the VA Senior Acquisition Leadership program designed to create agile leaders that are able to manage and lead change to build a better VA acquisition workforce. To learn more about the VA/FSS and the Services Team, please visit www.FSS.va.gov.



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Aina Vilumsons

President – Executive Director

Wisconsin Procurement Institute (WPI) – Wisconsin's APEX
Accelerator



Dr. John Walz

President

Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE)

MSOE is under the guidance and leadership of Dr. John Y. Walz, who began his term as the university's fifth president on July 1, 2016. One of Walz' first projects at MSOE was the implementation of a five-year strategic plan, leading to new a new degree, construction of campus advancements, improvements to student life, and so much more.

Walz was instrumental in the creation of the B.S. in Computer Science focused on artificial intelligence at MSOE, joining Carnegie Mellon as one of the first two universities in the nation to offer such an undergraduate degree. In order to support the technology forward degree and advance other academic programs, Walz worked with alumnus Dwight Diercks to develop the Dwight and Dian Diercks Computational Science Hall, which is filled with next generation technologies that position MSOE at the forefront of artificial intelligence education.

Under Walz' leadership, the Robert Spitzer Dining Commons was created and Roy W. Johnson Residence Hall was transformed into Hermann Viets Tower. The Ruehlow Nursing Complex expanded and the We Energies STEM Center at MSOE was created. Additionally, Raider Stadium was developed in partnership with Nicolet High School.

Outside of campus, Walz is an active board member for the Clinical and Translational Science Institute, Wisconsin Technology Council, and Higher Education Regional Alliance. He also participates in Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference, Association of Independent Technological Universities, National Association of Independent Colleges, Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges, and Rotary of Milwaukee.

Walz earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Tulane University and began his career as a process support engineer for Shell Oil Company. After earning a Ph.D. in chemical engineering from Carnegie Mellon University, he began his academic career as an assistant professor at Tulane. He was then an associate professor and chair of the Chemical Engineering Department at Yale University; professor and head of the Department of Chemical Engineering at Virginia Tech; and dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Kentucky.



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David Zvenyach, Principal

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Dave Zvenyach is an expert on federal technology procurement and is the principal of TandemGov, a consulting firm that helps organizations navigate government contracting while playing to their strengths. He also writes GovContrActually, weekly newsletter that provides insights into government contracting through irreverent hot takes and humor. He has served in various roles during three presidential administrations, including most recently as an appointee leading the Director of Technology Transformation Services at the General Services Administration. Dave is also a lawyer and a software developer and was once named DC's Legal Hacker of the Year. He lives just outside of Madison with his spouse, two kids, and a dog.

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