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ABOUT BILL LEONI

Bill Leoni is a Quality and Project Optimization Advisor and Partner with Corpus Optima. He holds a BS in Chemical Engineering from Princeton University and a variety of related technical certifications, including those of Lean Six Sigma Master Blackbelt and Champion, Myers Briggs [Personality] Type Indicator Administrator (CPP), and Certified Business Coach. Along with broad executive experience in the chemical, oil & gas industries, his portfolio includes a decade of leading and managing emerging manufacturing organizations. He is responsible for establishing Corpus Optima's Super Projects Advisory Practice in the Oil & Gas, Shipbuilding, Manufacturing and Construction industries.

Bill is a seasoned project executive, enjoying over 30 years of general management and operational experience in a variety of consulting, technical and organizational improvement roles in ConocoPhillips and DuPont, where his early focus was on designing and implementing functional process management systems. In this capacity he was responsible for a variety of process improvement initiatives which led to system improvements, cost savings, and capacity increases. He subsequently broadened his operations experience through roles in transportation, purchasing, technical service, and business development. Upon returning to an operations executive role, he began to appreciate the significant business improvement that can be obtained through business process standardization and quality management approaches, such as assurance systems like ISO 9001.

The opportunity to dramatically amplify outcomes through the adoption of employee engagement methods and servant leadership principles emerged for Bill while creating a registered quality system. By fostering a high-performance environment with an engaged production community, he went from a world of tightly managed groups with a goal of compliance to a world of self-directed, collaborative teams with shared commitment to achieve stated policies and practices. The first stunning success of this approach was at his last manufacturing plant assignment in DuPont. Ever since that time he has been a zealous proponent and champion of self-directed, intrinsically motivated work teams and has applied this approach to managing and leading several manufacturing organizations from the ground up. His conviction is that it was this simultaneous commitment to quality methods coupled with a high-performance team culture that encouraged the development and optimization of those businesses into world-class functional performers.

Very grateful for the gifts and help he has received over the course of his career, Bill strives to pay it forward. His volunteer activity has included volunteer work for the Memorial Hermann Healthcare System, board membership in Boys Club, Loaned Executive for the United Way, and Cubmaster for the Boy Scouts of America.

