

Preston W Blevins is a former manufacturing industry practitioner with a second career as a consultant and project manager spanning over fifty years of experience. During his career, he has guided manufacturers in leveraging information technology to improve organizational competitiveness.

He has managed major [multi-year projects](#) such as new business unit start-ups, business unit turnarounds, global account management, consulting practice start-ups, new product launches, ERP implementations, and Y2K.

International experience includes living and working for seven years in offshore assignments in the UK, Scandinavia, and Europe. In addition to those offshore assignments, he has collaborated extensively with co-workers in Japan, the People's Republic of China, and India.

One of the industries he specialized in is producing complex, [highly engineered devices](#) that require extensive pre-manufacturing and post-production engineering services.

Another focus is on organizations that manufacture recipe/formula-based products such as food, nutritional supplements, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, and specialty chemicals.

Preston has authored over thirty professional association conference white papers, numerous magazine articles, and a [textbook](#). He is a Section Author for the ASCM Operations Management Body of Knowledge ([OMBOK](#)) framework. He also has been a frequent guest speaker in podcasts and webinars.

Preston has volunteered with APICS/ASCM as a Chapter President, APICS Global BoD Member, Annual Conference Chair, and various task teams.

Currently, Preston is managing a SIG (Special Interest Group) on [Eco-Sustainability](#) for the ASCM San Diego Chapter.

His certifications from ASCM (Association for Supply Chain Management) include:

- CPIM - F (Certified Fellow Production and Inventory Management)
- CIRM (Certified in Integrated Resource Management)
- CSCP (Certified Supply Chain Professional)
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