

Preston Blevins is a practitioner, consultant, and project manager with over 45 years of experience. Currently, he is a volunteer leading a critical [educational initiative on eco-sustainability](#) for the San Diego Chapter of the Association for Supply Chain Management (ASCM).

He has certifications from ASCM (APICS), including:

- Certified Fellow in Production and Inventory Management (CPIM-F)
- Fellow, British Production & Inventory Control (FBPICS)
- Certified in Integrated Resource Management (CIRM)
- Certified Supply Chain Professional (CSCP).

During his career, he has guided manufacturers in leveraging information technology to improve productivity, reduce inventory investment, and align with customer needs. Another career thread is workforce development and a commitment to the Lean Management System.

Preston lived and worked for 7 years on offshore assignments in the UK, Scandinavia, and Europe. In addition to those offshore assignments, he has collaborated extensively with coworkers in Japan, the People's Republic of China, and India.

He has successfully managed major [multi-year projects](#) such as new business unit start-up, business unit turnaround, global account management, consulting practice start-up, new product launch, ERP implementations, and Y2K compliance for a respected enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software provider.

One of the industries he specializes in is the production of [complex](#), highly engineered devices that require extensive pre-manufacturing and post-production engineering services. This also includes [aerospace & defense](#).

He has also focused on organizations that manufacture recipe- or formula-based products, including [food](#), nutritional supplements, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, and specialty chemicals. These industries have challenging regulatory compliance requirements, ever-increasing global competition, and environmental sustainability requirements.

Preston has authored over 30 white papers for professional associations, numerous magazine articles, and a textbook on best practices in the food industry, with an emphasis on eco-sustainability. He is also a sector author for the APICS Operations Management Body of Knowledge ([OMBOK](#)) framework, the definitive text on best practices in manufacturing operations management. Preston is also an [active public speaker](#).