

Preston Blevins is a seasoned practitioner, consultant, and project manager with over forty years of experience and a dedicated volunteer on a unique project. He spearheads a crucial educational initiative on [eco-sustainability](#) for the San Diego Chapter of the Association for Supply Chain Management (ASCM). This [role](#) underlines his commitment to environmental responsibility and his leadership in driving industry change.

He holds certifications from ASCM (APICS) as a Certified Fellow Production and Inventory Management (CPIM-F), Certified in Integrated Resource Management (CIRM), and 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's professional journey took him to various corners of the world. He lived and worked 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, gaining a global perspective and demonstrating his adaptability.

Preston's career is distinguished by his adeptness in managing major [multi-year projects](#). He has successfully led new business unit start-ups, business unit turnarounds, global account management, consulting practice start-ups, new product launches, ERP implementations, and Y2K compliance for respected enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software providers. This extensive experience not only showcases his strategic planning and execution skills but also his ability to navigate complex and diverse projects.

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

He has also focused on organizations manufacturing recipe/formula-based products, including food, nutritional supplements, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, and specialty chemicals. These industries face challenging regulatory compliance requirements, ever-increasing global competition, and environmental sustainability requirements.

Preston has authored over thirty white papers for professional association conferences, numerous magazine articles, and a food industry best practices [textbook](#) emphasizing 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.

Over the last forty years, he has held many volunteer executive roles with ASCM (APICS) and other professional associations.