

Lonnie C. Wright

Louisville, KY 40291

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Engineering Manager with international, domestic and joint venture experience in development and manufacture of consumer products including home appliances and commercial vending machines. Proven ability to successfully execute business strategies and programs, organize and staff international technology and manufacturing organizations, and negotiate favorable and binding contracts with Suppliers and Customers. Certified Master Black Belt – Six Sigma.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

GE Consumer & Industrial, Appliance Park

1998 to 2009

Program Manager, New Product Introduction (Master Black Belt), Louisville, KY

Developed and manufactured strategic new appliance products. Established new suppliers, negotiated contracts and delivered benefits per established business plan. Accomplishments include:

- Gas and Electric Dryer Program. Sourced and delivered over \$7.0MM in benefits through product redesign, moving tools and equipment to competitor, and assuring timely launch of dryer.
- GE brand Built-in Gas and Electric Range Program. Completely redesigned new ranges delivering \$12.0MM in benefits. Utilized modular design resulting in significant reduction in factory complexity.
- Monogram Outdoor Gas Grill Program. Developed new sourced product line with industry leading performance, unique features, and robust construction. Achieved \$3.9MM in benefits.
- Monogram Gas Counter Unit Program. Delivered \$1.5MM in benefits by developing new stacked burner and automatic re-ignition technologies with future high end applications planned.
- Profile brand Built-in Range Program. Produced new radiant product line delivering \$15 MM in direct benefits by adapting common modular subsystems from other in-house products.
- Monogram Hood Program. Introduced unique new aspiration system to US market and created new high end niche product delivering \$1.0MM in benefits.
- Monogram Built-in Coffee Espresso Program. Developed unique new Monogram product to deliver over \$2.0MM in new revenue to business. Assumed key role in establishing and qualifying new supplier including negotiating contract.

Harvard International Technologies

1993 to 1997

Vice President – Engineering / Sales, Vancouver, BC, Canada

(1995 to 1997)

Managed solicitation and sale of international franchises plus technical support delivery during business startup phase. Accomplishments include:

- Developed detailed Master Franchise, Supply and Escrow Agreements defining contract territories, distribution rights, costs, penalties and payment methodology.
- Created pro forma financial business profiles for each target market resulting in franchise sales on 5 continents.
- Launched highly visible test markets on 4 continents resulting in Master Contract Agreements.
- Provided on-site technical support for individual launches enabling businesses to become self-sustaining.
- Established 10 year contracts with Franchisees resulting in projected \$150MM annual sales.

Vice President – Engineering / Operations, Inchon, Korea (1993 to 1995)

Led international development and manufacture of French Fry Vending Machines. Developed product from feasibility through production while simultaneously staffing in North America and Korea. Accomplishments include:

- Developed first generation prototype for investor review and funding.
- Negotiated Joint Venture Manufacturing Agreement with partner in Korea.
- Quickly organized and staffed Engineering and Production departments in North America and Korea.
- Established world-wide supplier base and launched production in 10 months.
- Developed second generation machine obtaining US / Canada / International Regulatory Agency approvals resulting in product placements in US, Canada, France, Spain, Australia and Brazil.

Rowe International

1990 to 1993

Director – Engineering Operations, Whippany, NJ

Created and executed designs for new and derivative vending products. Attained cost and quality goals while assuring manufacturability. Accomplishments include:

- Established and chaired Product Planning Council to define new product strategy.
- Established new product introduction process with tollgates for Engineering / Manufacturing resulting in new products introduced in 12-15 months vs. historical 18-24 months.
- Developed and implemented new generation food and snack vending machines resulting in 30% market share increase.
- Developed and implemented new common controls architecture across all product lines enhancing diagnostics and reducing service call rate by over 50%.
- Implemented staffing plans to offset peak department loading periods.

Admiral Appliances / Maytag Company

1980 to 1990

Director – Technical Resources, Admiral Division, Galesburg, IL (1984 to 1990)

Led Cost and Quality Improvements for all Refrigeration and Laundry products, Drafting and Documentation Departments, Model Shop, Engineering Laboratories, Regulatory Compliance and Production Liaison (four factories). Accomplishments include:

- Launched new Document Control System reducing approval times from 6 weeks to 7 days
- Introduced CAD / CAM prototyping methods reducing sample lead times by 60%.
- Implemented automated data acquisition systems in laboratories resulting in real time access to test data and standardized test reporting.
- Reduced Service Call rates by an average of 40% for all products.
- Attained 3% cost improvement goals annually.

Chief Engineer – Dyers, Norge Division, Herrin, IL (1980 to 1984)

Ensured cost improvements plus new product design and introduction. Accomplishments include:

- Developed and implemented new generation gas and electric clothes dryers resulting in 35% reduction in material costs and 50% reduction in labor costs.
- Attained 4-5% cost improvement goals annually.

EDUCATION / CERTIFICATIONS

BME - Speed Scientific School, University of Louisville

MBA studies - University of Akron

Certified Master Black Belt – Six Sigma

Profile

Mr. Lonnie Wright
Prefix First Name Last Name Suffix

Please use your home address.

[Redacted]
Street Address
 [Redacted]
City
 [Redacted]
State
 [Redacted]
Postal Code

How long have you resided in Jefferson County? (years/months)

26yrs / 3mos

Please use your personal email address.

[Redacted]
Email Address

GE - Retired Engineer
Employer Occupation

What district do you live in? *

☒ District 22

[Redacted]
Primary Phone
 [Redacted]
Alternate Phone

Interests *

- ☒ Business Development
- ☒ Codes/Regulations
- ☒ Economic Development
- ☒ Neighborhoods
- ☒ Public Health
- ☒ Public Safety
- ☒ Zoning

Volunteer Activities

Greenway East HOA, President (18 yrs)

If you select a board and receive the message **"This board does not have a vacancy"** you may still submit an application for that board.

This message will NOT prevent you from submitting an application.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

MSD: Submitted

Waste Management District 109 Board: Submitted

Do you or a member of your immediate family have ownership interest in any company that does business with Louisville Metro Government?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Do you or a member of your immediate family have ownership interest in any property that is the subject of a condemnation proceeding, planning and zoning proceeding or any other administrative or court proceeding in which Louisville Metro Government or its agencies are interested parties?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Do you have any contract or matter pending before any Louisville Metro Government agency?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Have you ever been sued by the former City of Louisville, Jefferson County or Louisville Metro Government?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Additional Notes

Worked in family business (custom built kitchen cabinets) for 8 yrs prior to beginning professional career. Built three new homes (two contracted, one doing most of the work including waste systems) involving permit processes and actual construction.

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Elected or appointed positions

Do you serve in any elected capacity in the Commonwealth of Kentucky including in any Suburban City?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please provide the title of the office, the date you took office and when your term expires

Do you serve in any capacity in which you are appointed by the Governor or other Kentucky elected official at the local or State level?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please explain to what capacity, provide the name of the board, the date of your appointment, and the date your term expires.

Have you served on a Metro, City of Louisville or Jefferson County board or commission in the past?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please provide the name of the board or commission

Background Check

If you are selected for a board position, you will be contacted by Metro's Boards and Commissions Office requesting information to complete a background check.

Demographics

Ethnicity *

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Political Party *

☒ Republican

Gender *

☒ Male



Date of Birth