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Ronald Kingen, is Founder and President of the Continual Value Improvement (CVI) Group, LLC, a professional services consulting practice focused on assisting organizations achieve Sustainable Excellence and improved value for all stakeholders. He is also a Partner in GTA, LLC, which specializes in providing expert level technical and management personnel to global organizations. He has over 40 years of leadership experience in global organizations. He is a Past President and Chairman of the Board of the American Society for Quality (ASQ). He also served ASQ as President-Elect, Treasurer; Chair, Certification Board; Chair, Awards Board; Chair, Honorary Member Committee; Chair, Staff Compensation Committee, Chair, Juran Medal Committee; and Chair, Social Responsibility Advisory Council. In addition to being an ASQ Fellow he holds ASQ certifications in: Quality Engineering (CQE), Reliability Engineering (CRE), Quality Auditor (CQA), Quality Manager/Organizational Excellence (CQM/OE), Six Sigma Black Belt (CSSBB). He also obtained a Six Black Belt from the Six Sigma Academy and a Master Lean Six Sigma Black Belt from an employer.

Ron holds an MBA from Youngstown State University, a B.S.I.M. from the Krannert School at Purdue University and attended the Executive Education program in B2B marketing from the Kellogg School at Northwestern University. He has received numerous ASQ Testimonial Awards, and ASQ's Distinguished Service Medal and received the 'President's Call to Service Award' for his lifetime of volunteer service from the US President's Council on Service and Civic Participation. Beyond formal education, Ron was influenced by his work with Dr. Deming, Dorian Shanin, Dr. Taguchi and his professional relationships with Dr. Juran, Dr. Feigenbaum, and Phil Crosby.

Ron held senior leadership positions in global organizations responsible for worldwide and regional operations. He has a reputation as a strategic visionary with a clear sense of purpose and urgency when faced with difficult challenges. He is known for his deep passion for quality and the development and empowerment of high performance teams that deliver continual improvement of value for all stakeholders. He has personally led the creation and global deployment of a new product development process (design for Six Sigma) and a supply chain development and assessment process, which became world-class benchmarks. Ron was an early voice and leader for the creation of industry wide quality standards for suppliers, the integration of preventative actions and continual improvement in the ISO 9000 quality standards and the creation of the US national quality award. While under his leadership several different operations were recognized as world-class benchmarks in quality, lean and high performance team; in addition, they earned recognition for excellent quality and delivery records from their customers. The same organizations achieved safety records with in their industry, won state level team excellence competitions and one was recognized by Fortune magazine as one of the top five places to work in the US.

Ron has delivered numerous speeches and presentations in North and South American, Europe and Asia. The audiences range from internal company presentations to international conferences and topics from high-level statistical analysis, to the future of quality and global sustainability. He spent his early career in the auto industry where he was on the three-person that designed the first auto computers, the corporate design team for the prototype crash restraint systems and design and manufacture of engine management systems. He has worked in the auto, construction equipment and truck industries; as well as high tech component suppliers to the auto and aerospace industries. He held senior leadership responsibilities in Reliability Engineering, Quality, Purchasing and local, regional and global Operations.