

Richard Lanna
Senior Vice President of Operations

During Richard Lanna's 17 years in the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) System, both at LIFT (on Long Island) and at ITAC (NYC), he has worked directly with clients as a Field Engineer as well as worked on the internal development of ITAC in his previous role as Director of Client Development, and in his present position as Senior Vice President of Operations and a member of ITAC's Management Team.

His 30+ years of manufacturing and business experience includes positions as Industrial Engineer, Production Supervisor, Production Control Manager and Plant Manager at Helena Rubinstein, Altana Pharmaceuticals and other small to mid-sized manufacturing companies. In addition, he was a successful Account Executive for an internationally renowned management recruitment company.

Rich is presently responsible for co-managing the service development and field staff operations for ITAC's core MEP consulting business, and for building ITAC's practice area teams. He is also the primary trainer for ITAC in the Lean Manufacturing (TPS) area. In the last 15 years, Rich has provided Lean training and implementation guidance and assistance to hundreds of growing NYC manufacturers and thousands of individuals within those companies, including Lean Principles, VSM, 5S, SMED, TPM, Cellular Mfg, Pull/Kanban Systems, Lean Metrics and Lean Culture, in a variety of Office and Shop Floor environments.

Richard is a current senior member and former officer of the IIE (Institute of Industrial Engineers), a senior member of APICS and the ASQ, and member of the SME and AME.

Rich received a B.S. in Industrial Engineering and an MBA in Finance from the New York Institute of Technology. In addition to his technical training and MEP Lean Trainer certification, Rich has had extensive sales experience and training with the Sandler and Wilson Learning sales training organizations.