

## ABOUT THE PRESENTER



**REZA MALEKI** has more than 37 years of professional experience; which includes serving in four universities in the United States and working as a consultant with diverse manufacturing companies in Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Kentucky. In addition to manufacturing, he also has worked with other industries such as health care, distribution and warehousing, insurance, library services, and food processing.

As a Senior Business Advisor at Impact Dakota, the major focus of Reza's activities are on the development and delivery of high value services to client companies. This includes interacting with clients to assist them in assessing and discovering operational needs and solutions, design and delivery of training materials pertaining to target clients, and providing consulting services to clients to foster their continuous improvement activities.

Reza's experience with manufacturing companies also includes serving on the Board of Directors of an electronics company, working as Director of Allied Manufacturing Center, and Technology Transfer Director. He has been involved in a number of civic and professional organizations and is currently serving as the President of Minn-Dak Manufacturers Association. He uses every opportunity available to visit different companies. Since the start of his professional career, he has made more than 1,100 plant visits to approximately 400 companies.

Reza received his degrees from North Dakota State University; which include a Ph.D. in Engineering, and B.S. and M.S. in Industrial Engineering and Management. Prior to North Dakota State University, Reza attended Casper College in Casper, Wyoming where in 2021 he was recognized as one of the 25 exemplary alumni during the College's 75th anniversary.

Reza is a registered professional engineer, certified manufacturing manager, academic associate of Avraham Y. Goldratt Institute, and Lean Bronze Certified Practitioner. He has also completed the requirements for and received certification in Lean Leadership. Included in Reza's publications is the book, "Flexible Manufacturing Systems-the Technology and Management"; published by Prentice-Hall.