

# Kurt Torres

**Sr. Production Planner - Research Electro-Optics, Inc**

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Buyer/Planner**

Mountain Secure Systems - Longmont, CO - 2014-12 - Present

- Achieved significant improvement in supplier related unplanned downtime.
- Improved supplier on-time delivery from low 80% to consistently 95% plus.
- Improved cost of sales across several product lines.
- Performed internal audits to AS-9000.
- Improved inventory turns on A rated parts.

### **Buyer/Planner**

Lake Region Medical - Arvada, CO - 2013-07 - 2014-12

- Established Kan ban systems for indirect materials and MRO support.
  - Worked with production to establish usage data to support production.
  - Per formed internal audits to ISO-9000 and ISO-13485 standards.
  - Eliminated indirect material related unplanned downtime.
- Managed suppliers and planning for all outside processing operations.

### **Sr. Production Planner**

Research Electro-Optics, Inc - Boulder, CO - 2011-01 - 2012-08

Achieved significant improvement of first operation on-time delivery by teaming with production leads to introduce lean concepts to production scheduling and material movement.

- Developed capacity models for all fabrication operations as part of major ERP upgrade.
- Assumed planning workload of three planners while improving on-time delivery and cycle time while reducing excess WIP inventory.
- Consistently achieved goals established under KPI programs.

### **Materials Manager**

Wanco, Inc - Arvada, CO - 2007-05 - 2010-09

Launched global sourcing initiatives resulting in the following impact on \$20 million annual spend.

- \* Savings of over 40% in solar panel costs.
- \* Savings of over 10% on printed circuit board assemblies.
- \* Savings of over 30% on stampings and welded and plated assemblies.
- \* Savings of over 30% on wire harnesses.
- \* Savings of over 25% on injection molded parts and assemblies.
- Complete reimplementaion of enterprise application including establishing MRP processes.
- Established annual sales forecasting across all product lines, feeding quarterly and monthly production plans and weekly production schedules and MRP generated forecasting and ordering to supply chain.

### **Contract Buyer**

Micro Motion, Inc - Longmont, CO - 2007-01 - 2007-05

Lead buyer for incorporation of company acquisition into existing Oracle ERP and document control systems.

- Worked to improve MRP data quality and process for all material buyers, establishing filtering parameters, signal action reporting and supplier KANBAN processes.

### **Purchasing Manager**

Eagle Bend Manufacturing, Inc - Clinton, TN - 2003-12 - 2006-10

Led sourcing initiative to review, document and implement sourcing processes and strategy including domestic, Asian and European sources.

- Sourcing initiative success had the following impact on annual purchases in excess of \$100 million.
  - \* Savings of over 8% achieved in steel commodity.
  - \* Savings of over 6% in outside processing category, including stamping and coatings.
  - \* Savings of over 25% in fasteners category.
- Sourcing success led to active role in North American purchasing strategy teams involving thirty-seven divisions of Magna and spends in excess of \$1 billion.
- Implemented web-based ordering for all raw materials and component part suppliers, including MRP-generated planning schedules and shipping releases and bar code scanning for all incoming raw materials.
- Revamped supplier performance, evaluation and development systems to provide for formalized performance reporting and compliance with product realization requirements of TS-16949.
- Purchasing lead for negotiating contracts and ensuring compliance for all capital improvement/equipment purchases including the following:
  - o 80,000 square foot expansion of manufacturing space.
  - o Largest North American installation of steel hot forming technology in automotive industry including,
    - \* continuous furnace for heating of blanks,
    - \* robotic transfer of 900°C blanks to press,
    - \* hot forming tool and integral quench infrastructure,
    - \* 600 ton hot forming press,
    - \* Five press robotic transfer line for secondary pierce and trim operations.
  - o Five press transfer line purchased from Daimler Benz in Bopfingen, Germany disassembled, transported to USA, refurbished, reassembled and retooled.
- Responsible for Purchasing role in new product launches for all customers, including APQP process for the U.S. big three, the major Japanese and European transplants.

### **Assistant Manager of Procurement**

Exedy America Corp - Knoxville, TN - 1995-05 - 2003-03

Established purchasing function for green field start-up of Japanese transplant, Tier-I automotive manufacturer.

- Developed and implemented purchasing management systems to achieve certification to QS-9000, ISO-14000, TS16969, and customer specific requirements including:
  - o Supplier qualification, performance evaluation and development programs including site audits and core competency validation,
  - o Supplier quality agreements, defining 100% quality requirement for all direct material suppliers.
- Sourced, planned and ordered the following commodities;
  - o Hot and cold rolled steel sheet, and outside processing of steel stampings,
  - o Forged and machined steel components,
  - o Aluminum die castings, sintered powder metal parts, molded plastics,
  - o Bearings, fasteners, springs,
  - o Production gasses, chemicals and factory-fill lubricants,
  - o Returnable packaging/dunnage,
  - o Freight and logistics services.

- Managed contract for 100,000 square foot expansion of manufacturing space to support first GM-Ford joint development of automatic transmissions.
- Sourced, negotiated, wrote, and managed capital equipment purchase contracts totaling more than \$20 million, including the design, build, deliver, install, training and demonstration of capability of highly complex manufacturing equipment, included the following:
  - o MIG, TIG, plasma, laser and resistance welding,
  - o Stamping including high speed, C-frame presses and 2,000 ton transfer presses,
  - o Machining including vertical and horizontal turning, grinding and super finishing,
  - o Assembly and testing including dynamic balancing, leak testing, performance testing,
  - o Handling, identification and packaging.
- Project Manager for company-wide ERP implementation with integrated data collection and EDI, automated transactions, automated MRP and reporting.
- Negotiated major service agreements.
- Consistently achieved management's aggressive cost reduction goals, achieving savings in excess of 20% over a four-year period.
- Won company's annual Kaizen competition three of six years. Led company-wide activity two years.

## EDUCATION

### **Bachelor of Science in Communication Studies**

Northwestern University - Evanston, IL