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Ron has over 20 years of engineering and operations experience, including leadership positions. Primary role in industry was Product Design, Procurement, and Research and Development in both light and heavy manufacturing companies and in OEMs and component suppliers.

Ron brings an engineered, integrated systems approach to his project interactions. From continuous improvement to innovation management, Ron focuses on the long-term benefits of system solutions to solve manufacturers' challenges. Drawing on his design background, Ron looks for creative solutions given scarce resources and competing or conflicting requirements.

One of the cornerstones to this approach is listening to clients and taking the time to define the problem/opportunity clearly. Then an optimal solution path can be developed that balances the client's needs with integration of people, process, tools, and technology. He has been with UW-Stout since 2010, and has directly helped numerous companies achieve positive business results.