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Sri has an MS in Industrial Engineering from the State University of New York SUNY at Buffalo (2002) and a BS in Mechanical Engineering from India (1998). His professional credentials include third-party Auditor/Lead Auditor status for seven international management system Standards: ISO 9001:2015 for general industry, ISO 13485:2016 Medical Devices, ISO 15378:2017 Medical Devices Packaging, IATF 16949:2016 Automotive, AS 9100:2016 (Rev D) Aerospace/Defense, ISO 14001:2016 Environmental Management Systems (EMS) and ISO 45001:2017 Occupational Safety & Health Management Systems (OHSMS). These credentials are traceable to national/international accreditation bodies including IATF, IAOB, AIAG, IAQG, SAE, OASIS, Proibtas™ and Exemplar Global (formerly RAB-QSA). With these multiple industry

credentials, Sri is one of the very few third-party auditors in the country with the ability to assess highly integrated management systems for clients seeking efficient and effective compliance with multiple industry standards under a single management system. Sri is also a Certified Six Sigma Master Black Belt (CSSMBB) and has a Certification in Risk Management Assurance (CRMA) from the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA). He is an Emergency Management Systems professional (NIMS/ICS schemes) certified by the US-Federal Emergency Management Agency (US-FEMA). Sri is a designated third-party QMS Lead Auditor for ANAB-authenticated Certification Bodies.

Starting his professional career in 1998 as a product development engineer with TVS-SFL, one of India's largest automotive component manufacturers, Sri's career exhibits a consistent growth pattern in progressively transforming operations in the Americas and Asia to drive enterprise growth and profitability. In 2000, along with starting grad school at SUNY/Buffalo, he joined The Center for Industrial Effectiveness (TCIE), SUNY Buffalo's economic development engine, first as a Graduate Assistant and later as a Project Engineer after grad school. In these roles, Sri built a robust client base for the Center's Operations Excellence/Lean vertical, helping several manufacturing companies in Western New York enhance process effectiveness, market growth and empower their workforce with transferable skills. In 2004, Sri joined AccuMED Innovative Technologies, Inc., at that time, a commodity cut-and-sew contractor. As AccuMED's Chief Innovation Officer (CIO), Sri provided strategic and operational leadership to transform the organization to a significantly high value medical device manufacturer and doubling EBITDA within 5 years. In 2009, after facilitating a vertical integration with AccuMED's largest customer and reaping significant returns to stakeholders, Sri founded Ignition (originally Accu-Solve Group) to pursue his passion in management systems advisory, assurance and professional development. In his 20+ years career, Sri has brokered open innovation partnerships with 3M, Adidas, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Cardinal Health, Energizer, Gap/Athleta, ITT Enidine, Johnson & Johnson, Norampac, Panasonic, Philips, P&G (Duracell), ResMED, Riddell, Under Armor, United Technologies and the US Department of Defense/PEO Soldier.

Sri lives in Lockport, New York, a Buffalo, NY suburb. He currently serves on the Board of Directors at Population Health Collaborative of Western New York and the Buffalo-Niagara COVID-19 Manufacturing Task Force. In the past, he has served on the Board of Directors of the Buffalo, NY Chapters of the American Society of Quality (ASQ) and Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) and on the Advisory Board of Workforce Development Committee for the Digital Manufacturing & Design Innovation Institute (DMDII, currently MxD) . His current interests involve highly integrated management systems, Information Security Management Systems and adapting traditional management systems for emerging Industry 4.0 environments.