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As president of Jean Cunningham Consulting, Jean provides strategic lean guidance, management training, workshops, and kaizen events to a wide range of companies. Her goal is to enable clients to tightly integrate their business functions (“the Lean Office”) with lean operations, reduce waste, and maximize customer and product focus. In addition to her extensive consulting schedule, Jean speaks at lean

conferences and teaches Lean Accounting for the Ohio State University Master of Business Operational Excellence program.

Jean is the co-author of the acclaimed book, *Real Numbers: Management Accounting in a Lean Organization*, an essential text for learning Lean Accounting. She is also co-author of *Easier, Simpler, Faster*, a book on applying lean principles to information technology processes and optimizing output information for the lean workplace. Both books were awarded the Shingo Prize for Research (2004, 2008).

Jean is widely recognized for her pioneering work in Lean Accounting, IT, HR and other non-production functions. She is an original thought leader for The Lean Accounting Summit and The Lean HR Summit. She was the voluntary CFO of the Association of Manufacturing Excellence from 2006-2011.

For over 15 years, Jean was the CFO and VP of Company Services at Lantech, LLC and Marshfield Door Systems, Inc. It was during these tenures that she developed her lean acumen, driving lean from the manufacturing floor into the office functions to include finance, information systems, human resources, telecommunications, and others. Jean was a visionary in broadening the lean vision to establish a continuous improvement culture and one of the first true lean enterprises. Prior to joining Lantech, Jean was a financial professional with Digital Equipment Corporation and Westinghouse, holding a number of senior controllership and treasury positions.

Jean has a BS in Accounting from Indiana University and an MBA from Northeastern University’s Executive Program.