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Pollster: Rob Autry, Founder – Meeting Street Insights

Rob Autry is one of the nation's leading pollsters and research strategists. Before founding Meeting Street in 2015, Rob was a partner for 18 years at Public Opinion Strategies, one of the nation's largest public opinion polling firms. Rob and his team have worked with many of the world's leading companies and public policy organizations in the areas of image and brand reputation, issue advocacy, message development, stakeholder relations, and crisis communication. Rob has served as the pollster and strategist for two presidents, two U.S. senators and sixteen members of Congress, as well as numerous other statewide and state legislative elected officials.

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Bob Kill, President & CEO – Enterprise Minnesota

Bob Kill is president and CEO of Enterprise Minnesota and leads the organization's efforts to achieve its strategic, growth, and operational goals. A long-time manufacturing executive, Bob is passionate about helping manufacturers grow, is recognized as a spokesperson for Minnesota's manufacturing industry, and is regularly quoted in national and regional media on manufacturing trends and industry outlook. Prior to leading Enterprise Minnesota, Bob served as CEO and chairman of the board of Ciprico Inc., a manufacturer of high-performance data and networking systems.

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Steve Haarstad, MBA, Business Growth Consultant – Enterprise Minnesota

Steve Haarstad is a strategic planning and Certified Exit Planning Advisor (CEPA) consultant who works with small and medium size manufacturers throughout the state to develop and implement strategies to grow profitably and work on owner transitions to future company leadership. Prior to joining Enterprise Minnesota six years ago, Steve worked at Emerson for over seven years, serving in a variety of roles including process management, global customer support manager, global education manager, Americas marketing training manager, and inside sales representative.

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Matt Hanson, President – Hanson Silo Company

Hanson Silo Company designs and manufactures precast concrete storage containment solutions for feed, grain, fertilizer, commodities, and salt/sand. The company has manufactured and installed buildings for auto dealerships, grocery stores, manufacturing companies, food processors, as well as turkey, hog, and cattle barns. Matt joined Hanson Silo in 1994 and became president in 2007, representing the fourth generation running the family business. Prior to 1994, Matt served as an international supply chain analyst for 3M.

www.hansonsilo.com



Abbey Hellickson, M.Ed., Business Growth Consultant – Enterprise Minnesota

Abbey Hellickson, a talent and leadership consultant, works with small and medium size manufacturers throughout the state to help them engage their workforce to maximize productivity, improve company culture, and develop leadership team executives to drive company performance toward profitable growth. Prior to joining Enterprise Minnesota six years ago, Abbey worked at Rochester Community College for 11 years, running their supervisory leadership program, as a director of business and workforce education, and as a workforce development specialist. Early in Abbey's career she worked at Fastenal as a corporate trainer.

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Jane Meyer, Training Coordinator – Windings, Inc.

Windings is an employee-owned company with over 50 years of experience in building motors and custom electromagnetic components for the aerospace, defense, automation, automotive, oil & gas, and power generation industries. During her nearly 20 years with Windings, Jane has held multiple roles in leadership positions, including supervision and management in Operations and Clean Space. She is also an AS9100 Certified Internal Auditor. Jane's passion is people, which served Windings well in 2020, when she played a major role in the creation of a new Training Department.

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