

About Paragon Business Solutions, Inc.

Paragon Business Solutions, Inc. is a business consulting firm that specializes in building performance based business systems and processes. We believe in process improvements that are based on sound system design and that drive improved productivity and profitability.

Our quiding principles are

- * Keep the system simple,
- * Build on what is already working,
- * Include only what adds value to the organization, and
- * Align with organizational strategies and goals.

Our Mission is

"To provide Partner-Clients with solutions that lay the foundation for lasting success."

We refer to, and think of, our customers as "Partner-Clients." This is more than semantics. We expect to build long-term relationships and to learn and grow both personally and professionally from these relationships. We provide Partner-Clients our knowledge, experience and the tools to make a positive difference in their business environment. Our goal is to leave Partner-Clients self-sustaining.

The staff and strategic partners of Paragon Business Solutions offer a wide variety of expertise. We differentiate ourselves through a high level of service and a talent for the practical application of our expertise.

Paragon Business Solutions, Inc. is woman-owned and certified by the Small Business Administration as an 8(a), Small Disadvantaged Business.



About Our Services

The staff and strategic partners of Paragon Business Solutions, Inc. offer consulting expertise, staff training, and business solutions in the following.

- ▼ Quality Management Systems ISO 9001:2000, TS 16949, and AS 9100
- Environmental Management Systems, ISO 14001:2000
- Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems, BSI 18001 OHSAS
- Quality Assurance Planning and Quality Control
- Internal Audit Program Management
- New Product Development Methodology
- Strategic Planning Methodology
- Monitoring, Measuring, and Analysis Methodology
- Customer Satisfaction Research and Analysis
- Employee Satisfaction Research and Analysis
- Customized Training Development and Implementation
- * Organizational Design
- Supply Chain Design And Management
- * Lean Business Processes
- Process Optimization
- Process Automation
- Construction Project Management
- ★ Environmental Regulatory Compliance Management



About Our Services

In addition to consulting and training services, Paragon Business Solutions, Inc. provides management services. This includes the development and management of:

- ▼ Quality assurance/quality control programs
- * Quality management system internal auditing programs
- * Environmental management system internal auditing programs
- * Occupational health and safety internal auditing programs
- * Construction project management



About Karen A. Hamilton, MBA

Karen Hamilton is a Principal and the Chief Executive Officer of Paragon Business Solutions, Inc. Karen holds an MBA in Marketing and Management from Rockhurst College in Kansas City, Missouri. She is an ASQ Certified Quality Manager, a RAB certified Quality Management System Auditor, and a RAB certified Environmental Management System Auditor.

Karen has over 30 years experience in the management of business systems, quality processes, organizational development, training, marketing, and strategic planning. She brings knowledge from industry, government, and academia.

- Quality Management Systems ISO 9001:2000, TS 16949
- Environmental Management Systems, ISO 14001
- Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems, OHSAS 18001
- Customer Satisfaction Research and Analysis
- Employee Satisfaction Research and Analysis
- Customized Training Development and Implementation
- Organizational Design
- Lean Business Processes
- * Process Optimization
- Strategy Development Process Implementation
- ▼ Business Performance Monitoring, Measuring, and Analysis Methodology



About Alice Beechner Reeves, P.E., Ph.D.

Alice Beechner Reeves is a Principal and the President of Paragon Business Solutions, Inc. Alice holds a Ph.D. in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri-Rolla. Alice is a registered professional engineer in the state of Missouri. She is an ASQ Certified Quality Engineer, an ASQ Certified Quality Management Systems Lead Auditor, and IATF Certified TS 16949 Lead Auditor, and a RAB certified Environmental Management Systems Auditor. Alice has over 20 years of quality management experience.

Alice has had a varied and successful career in the manufacturing, construction, and academic environments. She brings experiences and knowledge from the automotive industry, passenger car, heavy-duty truck and off highway vehicles, the aerospace industry, furniture manufacturing industry, construction planning and the university setting. She has expertise in metal stamping, plastic injection molding, aluminum die-casting, and low and high volume assembly.

- Quality Management Systems ISO 9001, TS 16949 and AS 9100
- Environmental Management Systems, ISO 14001
- Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems, OHSAS 18001
- New Products Development (Concurrent Engineering) Process
 Development
- The Performance Excellence Criteria of The Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award
- * Process Optimization
- Supplier Certification Process Development



About Jan Jorgensen, EdS

Jan Jorgensen is the Professional Development Director for Paragon Business Solutions, Inc. Jan holds a Masters of Science in Education and an Education Specialist Degree in School Administration from Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Missouri.

Her areas of expertise include the following.

- Adult Educational Program and Materials Development
- * Curriculum Design
- Learning Strategies Development
- * Evaluation of Instruction
- Customized Training Development

Jan directs the development of all training materials at Paragon Business Solutions Inc. She assures educational structure, integrity, and consistency of design.



About Vicki Longrie, MBA

Vicki Longrie is a Senior Consultant in System Design at Paragon Business Solutions, Inc. She holds an MBA in Finance from the University of Missouri – Columbia and a BS in Chemical Engineering from the University of Missouri – Rolla.

Vicki has over 20 years of experience in engineering and system design. She is uniquely experienced in applying technological solutions to business system challenges.

- *Automation of processes and information systems
- *System Integration engineering
- * Database development and design
- *Strategic planning
- *Financial forecasting system design
- *System and process optimization
- *Statistical Process Control
- *ISO 14001 environmental management system



About Ed Beechner

Ed Beechner is Vice President of Construction Management Division for Paragon Business Solutions, Inc. Ed was awarded the Gary Biertich Scholarship and completed studies for a Professional Designation in Construction Project Management, with an emphasis on environmental management, at UCLA. Ed has had a varied and successful career in the construction management field. With 20 years of experience in all aspects of construction, he is uniquely qualified to manage commercial and residential projects.

- Application of Quality, Safety and Environmental
 Management Systems to construction management projects
- Selection and management of exceptional construction crews
- Ability to successfully manage union workers
- Successful on time and on budget project completion

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About Judith White

Ms. White attended Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts as a Mathematics Major and the University of Lowell, Lowell, Massachusetts where she majored in accounting. Judy has over 30 years experience in business management and development for both manufacturing and service business sectors, in both for profit and not-for-profit, community-based organizations. She has experience in the health care industry, government regulatory environment, community development, numerous manufacturing production operations, financial services, and retail sales and distribution. Judy is a RAB Certified Quality Management System Auditor and has completed the IRCA approved EMS Auditor Course

- ISO14001 Environmental Management System
- ★ ISO9000 Quality Management System
- Strategic Planning
- Program/Process/Procedure Development and Implementation
- ★ System Evaluation
- Productivity Improvement
- * Technical Writing



About Rory McCarthy

Rory McCarthy is an Environmental Specialist at Paragon Business Solutions, Inc. Rory holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geological Engineering. He has 12 years of industrial experience and over 10 years of environmental engineering. He holds EPA Method 9 certification and HAZWOPR certification.

- **ISO 14000 planning** ★
- *Regulatory compliance tracking
- * Hazardous waste management



Strategic Partners

Our Strategic Partners are successful professionals whose expertise is synergistic to that of the staff of Paragon Business Solutions. Strategic Partners assist us in meeting the diverse needs of our partner-clients...today and in the future.

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Aarons Automotive, Springfield, Missouri

Accent Controls, Kansas City, Missouri

Advancia, St. Roberts, Missouri

Alliance, Springfield, Missouri

Army Materiel Command, USA

Boeing, Long Beach, California

Bohn and Dawson, St. Louis, Missouri

Brewer Science, Inc., Rolla, Missouri

Caring Communities Partnership, Rolla, Missouri

Cast-Tech, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Fort Leonard Wood, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri

Gould Evans, Rolla, Missouri

Haldex Brake Products, Blue Springs, Missouri

Haldex Midland Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri

Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Kansas City, Missouri

Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Honeywell, Kansas City, Missouri

Huntsville District Corps of Engineers, Huntsville, AL

Indian Motorcycle, Gilroy California

lodiTech, Kansas City, Missouri

Johnson Controls, Inc. Jefferson City, Missouri

Kansas City District Corps of Engineers, Kansas City, Missouri

NASA, Greenbelt, Maryland

National Quality Assurance, Inc., Acton, Massachusetts

Natura, Inc. Fremont, Nebraska

NorthStar, Springfield, Missouri

Parsons, St. Louis, Missouri

Paul Mueller Company, Springfield, Missouri

Prattville Manufacturing, Inc., Prattville, Alabama

PROformance, Springfield, Missouri

Royal Canin USA, Inc., Rolla, Missouri

Shell Deer Park Refinery and Chemical Plant, Houston, Texas

Shell Delaware Refinery, Delaware City, Delaware

Shell Port Arthur, Port Arthur, Texas

Siegel Roberts, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri

Sinclair-Rush, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri

SM Wilson, St. Louis, Missouri

Spartan Light Metal Products, Mexico, Missouri

Strocco, St. Louis, Missouri

U.S. Army Garrison - Michigan, Selfridge, Michigan

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