



## Tom Mathis Vice President



Bringing a practical and proven approach to creating value through the application of lean tools and techniques, Tom has led the lean transformations of functional teams at 3 world-class manufacturing companies over the past 25 years.

Developed over a 12 year career at Danaher Corporation through Operations and Supply Chain leadership assignments, he has expertise in a wide variety of lean tools, including Value Stream Mapping (VSM), 5S/Visual Management, Standard Work, Kanban Inventory Management, Root-Cause Problem-Solving, Poke Yoke, Transactional Process Improvement (TPI), and Lean Daily Management.

Immediately prior to joining *NEXT LEVEL* Partners®, LLC, Tom was a Senior Vice President at Milliken & Company where he led the enterprise-wide launch and implementation of Strategy Deployment across 19 different business units. In addition to identification of breakthrough opportunities, goal setting and action planning, this initiative included value stream mapping and establishing kaizen as the primary method of driving accelerated sustainable results through continuous improvement and lean transformation.

Tom spent the first 8 years of his industry career with General Electric Company in progressively responsible Sourcing and Supply Chain Management roles.

In addition to his Lean Business System expertise, Tom is also an industry-leading innovator in the procurement and sourcing function where he has also applied the lean approach and breakthrough thinking with dramatic financial results.

Written up as “the funniest CPO on the planet,” he combines his depth in lean with the ability to present the value in a way that is both compelling, motivating, and fun.

Tom graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1989 with a B.S. in Control Systems Engineering after which he spent five years as a Navy Division Officer.