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Mr. Watson is Chairman and Managing Partner of Business Excellence Solutions a Finland-based company that focuses on developing and promoting advanced management methods. In addition, Mr. Watson is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Industrial Engineering and Management at Oklahoma State University where he teaches distance learning courses on engineering technology and management. Previously, Mr. Watson was Vice President of Quality for Xerox Office Document Products, Vice President of Benchmarking at the American Quality & Productivity Center, Director of Quality at Compaq Computer and Manager of the Quality Leadership Development Program in the Corporate Office of Hewlett-Packard. Among his many achievements he is the co-founder of the International Benchmarking Clearinghouse at the American Productivity & Quality Center and founder of the Six Sigma Working Group (WG10) to the International Standards Organization Technical Committee on Statistical Matters.

Mr. Watson has been inducted as an Academician into the International Academy for Quality and the Russian Academy for Quality. Mr. Watson is also a Past-President and Fellow of the American Society for Quality (ASQ), Honorary Member of the Russian Organization for Quality, Honorary Member of the Benchmarking Club of Russia, Companion of the Chartered Quality Institute in the United Kingdom, and has been elected to the College of Fellows of the World Productivity Science Council, Australian Organization for Quality, the Quality Society of Austral Asia and the Royal Statistical Society. In 2001 he was awarded the Lancaster Medal by the American Society for quality in recognition of his global efforts in extending the body of quality knowledge and the Association for Quality & Participation (AQP) presented him with the President's Award in recognition of his career contributions to the quality profession. In 2000 he was named by a survey of quality professionals as one of the world's top "21 voices of quality in the 21st century" in *Quality Progress* magazine.