THE LININGER GROUP · EXECUTIVE BIO

Ken Lininger

Co-Founder & Principal

Plants & operations · Precision manufacturing · Capital projects



Ken Lininger leads The Lininger Group's engineering and operations work. A mechanical engineer and named inventor on a U.S. patent, he has run precision manufacturing plants as COO and General Manager.

His record runs from close-tolerance aerospace gearing and FDA-regulated spinal implants to plant construction and multi-site field operations. He programs and dials in the machines himself, and he runs the P&L. On engagements he tests the operation against the plan: plant capacity, equipment condition, maintenance and capital plans, and the cost to run. He runs operations open-book, teaching crews the unit economics of every job.

CAREER

- **COO, G&N Rubicon Gear:** full P&L for a plant producing precision power-transmission hardware for aerospace, defense, industrial, and power customers.
- **General Manager, GBF Enterprises:** ran the enterprise for its founder; multi-axis CNC and mill-turn operations, cell manufacturing, and AS9100 aerospace registration.
- **Engineer, Synthes:** manufacturing configurations and automated machining plans for spinal implants under FDA standards.
- **Mechanical Engineer, Kennametal Conforma Clad and Hafendorfer Machine:** wear-resistant surfaces for heavy industry; equipment design (U.S. Patent 5,964,358); built the toolroom from the ground up; led design and construction of Kentucky's largest wood-frame manufacturing building.
- **Founder & General Manager, Cypress Curb Appeal Services:** grew the business into a multi-rig commercial facilities contractor with recurring contracts with HOAs, developers, property management companies, and a national warehouse club; high-access exterior maintenance up to six stories on custom equipment rigs. Designed and built 300 mobile sanitation units sold to commercial customers during COVID.

WHERE HE WORKS

Precision manufacturing: AS9100 aerospace, FDA medical devices

CNC and automation: multi-axis mills, HMCs, mill-turn, custom tooling

Asset integrity: mechanical systems in corrosive, high-wear environments

Capital projects: plant design, construction, and equipment procurement

Field operations: multi-site routing, fleet, and crew economics

SEATS, INTERIM OR PERMANENT

COO · General manager, for plant and manufacturing businesses

CREDENTIALS

B.S., Mechanical Engineering, University of Louisville (Speed School)

Named inventor, U.S. Patent 5,964,358

Led AS9100 aerospace registration

SERVICE

Board of Directors, Pediatric Epilepsy Surgery Alliance

Deacon, Second Baptist Church, Houston

Co-Founder, Seize Hope Fund: $32K raised for pediatric epilepsy research

Seven years running a workforce track for team members with autism

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