

## 2009 ABI MANUFACTURING LUNCHEON SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

### **Robert Baur**

Robert F. Baur, Ph.D. - Chief Global Economist Bob is a managing director and chief economist for Principal Global Investors. In this capacity, he establishes and directs global economic policy and strategy, oversees and conducts macroeconomic and quantitative research, forecasts economic trends and anticipates market movements, and advises the investment staff in making economically sound investment decisions. He joined The Principal in 1995, and prior to assuming his current role, he oversaw equity, fixed income and currency trading. Bob received a Ph.D. in economics and a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Iowa State University. He also completed post-doctoral study in finance and economics at the University of Minnesota. Bob has numerous speaking engagements in the US and around the world. He is frequently quoted by the financial news media and appears regularly on CNBC and Bloomberg TV. Email: [bob.baur@principal.com](mailto:bob.baur@principal.com)

### **Bob Jennings**

Bob Jennings is President of Lean Management Inc., a consulting company focused on senior management methods and execution. Prior to starting his own company he was President of EFCO Corp., a world leader in the design and supply of forms for concrete construction, with operations in twelve countries.

Jennings joined EFCO in 1981 as a sales representative based in Santiago, Chile. Promotions and responsibility changes took him and his family to Dallas, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and ultimately Des Moines, Iowa. In 1993 he was named a senior vice president in charge of sales, service and international operations. He was named chief operating officer in 2001 and President in 2002.

Jennings was influential in taking EFCO from a domestic manufacturing company of 400 employees to a multinational company of 1200 employees. The expansion came with new products, acquisitions, emphasis on employee training and development, and geographic growth that extended into many countries. He holds five patents, has participated in many of the world's largest construction projects and has been published in various trade magazines.

A native of Des Moines, Iowa, Jennings received his bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa and his MBA degree from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

He is active in various industry and community organizations, including his current service as a board member of Wilian Holding Company, which has interests and holdings all over the world. He is a board member of the Iowa State University Engineering Advisory Council and is a past board member of the Iowa Association of Business and Industry and Industry and the Greater Des Moines Partnership.

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## **J. Barry Griswell**

He joined the Community Foundation in 2008 after a distinguished career with the Principal Financial Group where he served as chairman, president and chief executive officer. Barry has more than 35 years of experience in the financial services industry, including more than 20 years in executive management at the Principal Financial Group. Prior to his association with the Principal Financial Group, Barry led a distinguished career at Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, most notably as president and chief executive officer of MetLife Marketing Corporation.

Active in various industry and community organizations, Barry serves as a board member for the Principal Financial Group and as a board member for Herman Miller, Inc. Barry is also a member of the board of trustees of United Way of America and Americans for the Arts. He serves as chair of the Business Committee for the Arts and is a trustee of Berry College in Rome, Georgia.

He is also past chair of the American Council of Life Insurers, past chair of the United Way of America National Tocqueville Council, past president of the Federation of Iowa Insurers, past chair of the Greater Des Moines Partnership, past chairman of LIMRA International and past chair of the Life Underwriting Training Council Board of Trustees. He remains active in these as well as other leading industry organizations, speaking several times per year at various conferences, symposiums and summits around the world.

Barry was named a 2003 Horatio Alger Association Distinguished American Award winner and the 2003 recipient of the Oscar C. Schmidt Iowa Business Leadership Award. He has been inducted into the Iowa Business Hall of Fame and is a recipient of the Central Iowa Alexis de Tocqueville Society Award. He is a 2004 recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and a 2004 recipient of the Central Iowa Philanthropic Award for Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser. He received the 2006 Business Committee for the Arts Leadership Award. And, in 2007 he was awarded the Des Moines Register Iowa Star Award and received the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Grand View University in Des Moines and the Mid-Iowa Council of Boy Scouts Distinguished Citizen Award. Barry also received Drake University's Community Leadership Award in 2007. He was honored, along with The Principal Financial Group, with the Corporate Citizenship in the Arts Award from Americans for the Arts in 2008. In 2009 Barry was inducted into the Boys & Girls Clubs of America Alumni Hall of Fame.

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**Chris Murphy**

Chris Murphy attended Iowa State University and earned a BS in Industrial Engineering in December 2001. In March 2002 he began employment with EMC Insurance Companies in the Home Office Risk Improvement Department. In the position of Senior Engineer at EMC, he assists EMC policyholders around the country with workplace safety, with a focus in the areas of workers' compensation and fleet safety. His position also requires him to work in many other areas of risk management and insurance, including property protection, contingency planning, and other related topics. Chris obtained the Certified Safety Professional (CSP) designation in 2008 and the Associate in Risk Management (ARM) designation in 2009.

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**Mary Angringa**

Vice Chairman of the Board for the National Association of Manufacturers, (NAM) and President/CEO of Vermeer Corporation. A former teacher in Iowa Public Schools, Mary Angringa, she began working in Marketing Research at Vermeer in 1982, and was named President and COO in 1989, with special focus on manufacturing, continuous improvement and engineering. Mary was named President and Co-CEO of Vermeer in 2003, and has been a member of the Board of Directors since 1976. She received an A.B. degree from Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan and directed the Mustard Seed Preschool in Omaha, Nebraska from 1976 to 1979.

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