**Presenter:**

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**Abstract Title:** A Proven Injury-Free Workplace Safety Culture Development System

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Discover how diverse technical manufacturers from the aluminum industry to commercial vehicle components and from gypsum board to food products are eliminating injuries through a unique workplace safety culture development system. Proven effective over more than 10 years of development by Workplace Learning System, this approach to safety culture through personal leadership and employee engagement led one company to become one of America’s Safest Companies, three times recognized by EHS Today.

This session will explore the basic building blocks of the positive workplace safety culture approach to eliminating all injuries, which can be applied to any manufacturing environment. We will address the key aspects of an effective safety culture, including: Safety as a Core Value, **Safety*360®*** Leadership, **Safety*First®*** Individual Habits and Behaviors, Safety Action Teams, Care Management and Cultural Development. You will learn how to apply two safety system tools (the **Safety*MyVoice®*** and the **Safety*360®***) to develop effective communication and employee support at your organization – key issues facing any manufacturing leader who wants to eliminate workplace injuries. Injury freedom is achievable! We can show you how.

**Learning Objectives:**

Understand 4 components essential to creating sustainable change within a safety culture

Learn about the core programs for a system proven to deliver safety excellence and injury freedom

Apply 2 tools that develop safety leadership and employee engagement and ownership in the safety culture

Receive a blueprint for implementing safety culture change in your workplace

**Biography:**

Joe Wheatley is President of Workplace Learning System (WLS), an independent professional development company focused on leadership through injury-free safety culture. Formerly Vice President of Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) at EnPro Industries, Mr. Wheatley helped establish EnPro Learning System (ELS), the forerunner to WLS, in 2014. He has been instrumental in development of the WLS positive workplace safety culture approach, safety leadership practices and behavior-based safety tools.

Mr. Wheatley has held various other leadership positions in manufacturing, engineering and EHS within the electronic, semiconductor, biomedical, metal working, plastics and chemical industries. He led EnPro Industries safety programs to a world class level, as a three-time recipient of America’s Safest Company by EHS Today.

A regular keynote speaker at national manufacturing and safety events, Mr. Wheatley has recently appeared at the IndustryWeek Manufacturing & Technology Conference, the National Safety Council (NSC), the Risk Management Society (RIMS), and other trade organizations. He has also been an advisor on the Liberty Mutual Loss Control advisory board and a member of the Wells Fargo Insurance Client Advisory Council. Additionally, he has published articles on safety organizational change and safety culture in prominent publications.

Mr. Wheatley received a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Florida State University, a M.S. in Environmental Management from Florida Institute of Technology, and an Executive MBA from Queens University, and is a licensed Professional Engineer.

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