

Herm M. Reininga
Vice President Operations
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Herm M. Reininga is Vice President of Operations for Rockwell Collins, having been appointed to the post in 1996. He is responsible for the manufacturing, material, quality, and facilities and manufacturing activities throughout Rockwell Collins.

Reininga joined the Collins Radio Company in 1965. He developed innovative techniques in the areas of economic scheduling, costing of electronic assemblies, and soldering tool utilization. Mr. Reininga is recognized for his leadership in integrating commercial and defense manufacturing technology and for his involvement in manufacturing policies, issues, and processes for government and industry. He received the 1998 Defense Manufacturing Excellence award endorsed by nine national trade associations and professional societies. He received the PACE (Professional Achievement Citation in Engineering) award from Iowa State in 1993.

From 1990 until 1992, Reininga served on the Defense Science Board (DSB), a 30-member civilian advisory panel composed of leaders from industry and academia, appointed by the White House, to provide support and guidance to the Secretary of Defense. He testified in front of the Senate Armed Services Committee on Defense Technology, Acquisition, and Industrial Base. Mr. Reininga chaired DSB's Production Technology Subgroup for Weapons Development Production Technology Summer Studies program which developed a manufacturing technology strategy for the Department of Defense. He is called upon regularly to provide perspective for future manufacturing strategies.

Reininga is currently chairman of the National Center for Advanced Technology (NCAT) subcommittee on multi-use manufacturing, and Chairman of the Board of AdvanceTek, Inc. (formerly NEMPC). He is also project reviewer for TARA (DoD's Technologies Area Review and Assessment), for NST (National Science Foundation), and NCMS (National Center of Manufacturing Sciences), on manufacturing related projects. He serves on the Navy's Electronic Manufacturing Productivity Facility Advisory Board, and also chaired the Technical Advisory Board of the Electronic Industrial Baseline Analysis Committee sponsored by the Air Force.

He served on the Executive Advisory Group of the Next Generation Manufacturing Project. He also serves as the Industry representative on the Electronics Processing and Manufacturing (EP&M) Subpanel, which supports the DoD Manufacturing Technology program. He serves on the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) Technical Operations Executive Committee and Electronics Manufacturing advisory panels.

He is a present advisory board member at the University of Iowa's College of Engineering and the Engineering Development Council and Interaction advisory boards. He is a past advisory board member for the College of Industrial Engineering at Iowa State University. He is involved in the community serving on the Board of Directors for Young Parents Network (YPN) and serves on several committees for the Christ Episcopal Church.

Reininga is a member of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association. He also has developed and taught junior college courses on Production Control Master Scheduling. He received his BSIE from the University of Iowa in 1965 and MSIE from Iowa State University in 1974.

Rockwell Collins, headquartered in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, designs, produces, and markets communication and aviation electronics for commercial, military, and government customers. The business employs approximately 14,000 people worldwide with 9,500 people at five Iowa locations.

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