

Debra "Deb" Dauer

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Ms. Deb Dauer, a native of Dunbridge, Ohio, graduated with degrees in Civil Engineering from Owens Technical College and the University of Toledo. She joined Owens Corning, as a college intern. Upon graduation in 1981, she started full time as a Facilities Engineer in Corporate Engineering in Toledo. Deb earned her MBA at the University of Denver in 2002.

In 1984, Deb became an Engineer Buyer in Construction and Engineering Purchases in Toledo. In 1993, she became an Advanced Engineer in Manufacturing Support for the Construction Products Group in Toledo. In 1994, she disappeared to do the top-secret start-up of the Mt Vernon Insulation Plant, as the Purchasing Re-engineering Leader. In mid-1995, she returned to Toledo as the Product Manager for the Roofing Division.

Deb became the Plant Leader of the Denver Roofing Plant, Exterior Systems Business in June of 1997. While at the plant, she moved the plant from 2.5 shifts to 4, and that plant was the first OC manufacturing plant to win the annual sales award, the Board of Directors Cup, and the CFO Award for best financial audit. In 2003, the plant was named "Plant of the Year", earning a gold Manufacturing Excellence Award. Deb was the first woman named to the CEO's Manufacturing Excellence Council. While in Denver, Deb served on the Board of Directors of the Colorado Women's Chamber of Commerce and President of the University of Toledo Alumni Association's Denver Chapter. In 2003, Deb was promoted to Director of Global Sourcing for Owens Corning's Composites Solutions Business. She assisted in the turnaround of the struggling business unit by improving Sourcing cost savings from \$2.5MM to \$24MM. She had accountability for 29 facilities world-wide and a \$400MM budget.

Deb was transferred to the Insulating Systems Business in late 2006 and has held leadership roles in several parts of the business to leverage the successes from her previous roles. Most recently Deb was challenged to re-launch the Quality and Continuous Improvement department for Insulation as well as lead major customer facing quality initiatives.

Deb and her husband, Bruce Wyre, spend their spare time skiing, hiking, golfing, and traveling with their friends.