

Watco Mechanical Services Announcement



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To: Watco Team
From: Andy Schaffer, Watco Mechanical Services, Senior Vice President
Subject: Joe Meredith, Watco Mechanical Services, Director - Customer Service & Marketing

I am pleased to announce that Joe Meredith has accepted the role of Director of Customer Service & Marketing for the mechanical services division. Meredith will be responsible for maintaining existing relationships and developing new ones. He will communicate with Customers on a daily basis, providing project progress reports and ensuring all immediate needs are addressed.

Joe comes to Watco with 38 years of experience in the railcar repair field. He has worked for the past 16 years for Rescar in Downers Grove, Ill., first as a Plant Superintendent, then Plant Manager and lastly, Customer Service Representative. From 1991 to 1996 he worked for Washington Railcar in Washington, Ind., as a Purchasing Agent and then as Director of Purchasing. He worked for Gen-Steel Fabrication in Plainville, Ind., from 1986 to 1991 as a Purchasing Agent. Joe was an Inventory Planner/Buyer for Thrall Car Manufacturing in Chicago Heights, Ill., in 1985 and from 1974 to 1985 he worked for Evans Transportation in Alsip and Blue Island Ill., as Steel/Senior Buyer, Specialty Parts/Senior Buyer and MRO Buyer.

Joe graduated from Des Moines Technical High School in Des Moines, Iowa, the Real Estate Education Co., in Chicago, Ill., and Dale Carnegie in Washington, Ind. He has also attended multiple industry related workshops and symposiums.

Joe and his wife Gail have two grown sons, Jason, who is a lawyer and Matthew, an IT professional. In his free time Joe enjoys golf and woodworking and is working towards a private pilot certification.

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Please join me in wishing Joe much success as WMS's new Director of Customer Service & Marketing.