

## **Tom Platner**

### **Education**

Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI.  
Master of Business Administration, University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Management, Minneapolis, MN.



### **Professional Experience**

VP Global Engineering, HID Global (2008-present) – Establishing product development processes and infrastructure for HID Global, comprised of six engineering centers of excellence located primarily in NA and Europe. Significant focus on deployment of Oracle's Agile Product Lifecycle Management module (Product Collaboration and Product Portfolio Management). Also managing several strategic development efforts involving HID emerging technology.

VP Engineering, HID Global (2006-2008) – Responsible for global engineering within HID, managing processes and developments across five worldwide design centers.

VP Engineering and Manufacturing (1999-2006) – VP Engineering and Manufacturing for Fargo Electronics, a \$90 million publicly-traded technology company with sales in 80 countries worldwide. Responsible for all aspects of new product development and global manufacturing. Key leadership role on senior management team. Fargo's innovative products and cost efficient manufacturing were major contributors to growing revenue from \$50+M to \$100+M and establishing Fargo's global market leadership for innovative card printer products and solutions. Company was consistently profitable, generating excellent cash flow and a high return on net assets. Fargo was ranked on both Forbes' and Fortune's Best Small Company lists. Fargo was acquired in August 2006 by HID Corporation, a division of Assa Abloy Corporation. Fargo stock price increased from \$2.84 (Jan 2001) to \$25.50 (sale price Aug 2006).

### **Personal Information**

Enjoys light sport aircraft flying, soccer, and investing.