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Mr. Adams has extensive business experience in the areas of strategic planning, revenue enhancement and sales generation, business assessment and performance improvement, senior management assessment, recruitment, and succession planning, executive compensation plans, development and implementation of organizational improvement plans, mergers and acquisitions including the development and execution of strategic plans both for the acquisition and selling of companies. Mr. Adams also has extensive non-profit experience in the areas of pension, foundation as well as charter school experience.

Mr. Adams recently became the CEO of the IPR at the University of Louisville. This is an emerging advanced manufacturing innovation park focused on connecting industry with the university. Prior to this, he founded The BVI Group to serve the strategic and operational needs of businesses and private equity firms. Prior to that, Mr. Adams was recruited by Governor Mitch Daniels, as the executive in charge, to lead the operational improvement and merger of Indiana's \$30B pension systems. During his tenure, Mr. Adams turned a problematic public pension system into a world class operation. Prior to that experience, Mr. Adams was a founding member of the executive team that grew i2 Technologies from \$4M to \$1.1B in 7 years becoming a NASDAQ 50 company in the process. Mr. Adams held senior management positions in North and South America as well as leading operations in Europe, Middle East and Africa.

Mr. Adams has extensive business experience in manufacturing, distribution, transportation, technology, health care, services and public sector. He has assisted numerous Fortune 500 companies, including Caterpillar, Cooper Tire and Rubber, Eaton, Timken, US Steel, Philips Consumer Electronics, Bristol Myers Squibb, Sherwin Williams, Steelcase and Thomson Consumer Electronics.

Mr. Adams has served on numerous private company boards. He is an active board member in the areas of strategic planning, revenue growth, organizational development and financial management. In addition, he has been active with Purdue Research Foundation, St Vincent Hospital Foundation, the University of Louisville Engineering board and founding the Enlace Charter School in Indianapolis.

Mr. Adams has won numerous awards and was named one of 'Indiana's Leading Entrepreneurial Business Mentors' by the State of Indiana. He has performed numerous media interviews in radio, print and television on a local and national basis including appearances on CNBC, Inside Indiana Business and Business Week.

Mr. Adams is a graduate of the University of Louisville with a Bachelor's and Master's in Industrial Engineering. Mr. Adams was awarded the 'Outstanding Young Engineer of the Year' and 'Professional Award in Engineering' from the Speed Scientific School.

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