Assistant Vice President, EDIWS Candidate Bio

Matthew O'Connor

Mr. O'Connor is a graduate of Cornell University, with a BS and MENG from the Sibley School of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. Following his graduation from Cornell, Mr. O'Connor joined Eastman Kodak and the "Gambit" overhead reconnaissance program recently declassified by the National Reconnaissance Office, where he supported the development and deployment of highly-engineered space borne optical platforms.

Following a successful career at Eastman Kodak, Mr. O'Connor went on to hold executive positions with JML Optical Industries, Precision Grinding & Manufacturing Corporation and ITT/Exelis. During his 30+ year career, Mr. O'Connor earned his Professional Engineering license and multiple American Society for Quality (ASQ) credentials, including the Certified Quality Manager, Certified Quality Engineer, and Certified Quality Auditor certifications. He is also a certified Lean Six Sigma Black Belt.

Mr. O'Connor is an adjunct faculty member in MCC's Engineering Science and Physics department. In addition, he currently serves as Vice-President of the Rotary Club of Pittsford and a member of the Board of Directors. An elected town official, Mr. O'Connor is the Steering Committee Chair of a Habitat for Humanity Coalition of Churches which is building a sixth home in Rochester later this year.

Mr. O'Connor says "...I am acutely aware that continuous lifelong learning of a flexible workforce is absolutely essential to the well-being and viability of our community, now and in the long term...Our workforce needs to be reinvented and reinvigorated for our community to be a destination for modern day industry in this century."