

Mound Science and Energy Museum Association

Presents

Global Manufacturing Solutions AKA Global Foam Company

Presented By Bill Bankes, Former President

August 27, 2025 Start time: 7:00 pm

Mound Cold War Discovery Center, 1075 Mound Road, Miamisburg, OH 45342

Summary: Global Manufacturing Solutions was founded as a start-up business on the Mound plant site in 1996 as part of the initial commercialization efforts. The founders were Dr. Charles Woods and Bill Bankes. There will be a summary of the company history of development projects and EPS production. The company spun off a foam shaping capability that grew into a manufacturing facility that serves 7 markets for EPS shapes. These include investment casting patterns, architectural shapes, concrete forms, signs, displays, packaging, and models for product development.

A short documentary will be shown called “Red to Bronze” produced by the Reds Hall of Fame to illustrate the process for production of the Reds Sculptures.



Speaker Information: Bill Bankes was a co-op Engineer at Corporate Kroger for 3 years prior to working at the Mound Plant for 15 years under Monsanto Research Corporation and EG&G Technical Services as an Industrial Engineer. Bill has a BSIE from the University of Cincinnati in 1981 and an MBA from the University of Dayton in 1999.

Bill and his partner, Fred Seger, sold Global Foam Company in 2020 and retired after a brief transition period to the new owner.

For additional details on the presentation call 937-353-4457. The presentation is free and open to the public and has ample free parking.