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Mr. Vinson is Director of Supplier Collaboration for Staples, the world's largest office products company and is based in Denver, CO. Staples conducts retail and B2B operations in 26 countries in North and South America, Europe, Asia and Australia.

Mr. Vinson's responsibilities include managing a team of Project Managers and a Packaging Engineer focused on Staples' Supplier Collaboration initiative with key vendors to drive shared cost savings across the end to end supply chain. These areas of opportunity include inventory optimization, packaging, transportation and reverse logistics. This has led to an exciting new focus on the Sustainability "Race to the Top" with key vendors. His additional areas of responsibility include ensuring the certification of Lean Six Sigma Black Belts within his team.

Prior to joining Staples, Mr. Vinson developed an extensive Quality and operations background over the course of his 33 year career. He has 28 years of experience in the Telecom industry with 15 years in the area of Quality and process improvement. Additionally he has spent the last 5 years in the office products industry where currently he is the Deployment Leader for Supplier Collaboration and Sustainable Packaging.

Mr. Vinson is a member of the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals, the Sustainable Packaging Coalition and the CORE Sustainability Group. Mr. Vinson holds a BA in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. He also is a certified Black Belt and has been a guest lecturer at Metro State College School of Business in Denver Colorado.

