



Jim Kelleher

President and CEO

Georgia Association of Manufacturers

With over 30 years of experience in the power industry, Jim Kelleher has built a career on driving operational excellence, continuous improvement, and transformational change. Throughout his career, he has held various leadership roles, honing his expertise in optimizing production processes, enhancing efficiency, and preparing organizations for complex challenges.

As Vice President of Manufacturing at Mitsubishi Power Americas, Jim was committed to fostering a culture of innovation and accountability, ensuring that teams are equipped to meet evolving industry demands. His strategic approach to process improvement, cost reduction, and workforce development has led to significant advancements in productivity and quality.

A results-driven leader, Jim thrives in fast-paced environments, leveraging his deep industry knowledge to implement best practices and position organizations for long-term success. His dedication to operational excellence continues to drive sustainable growth and competitive advantage.

Jim's government relations work in the energy sector has reinforced how smart policy, reliable energy, and competitive markets are essential to a strong manufacturing economy. Jim has visited the Georgia State Capitol, US Department of Energy, and many DC offices to educate legislators and support initiatives that benefit manufacturers and their businesses. Jim served on the Chamber of Commerce Board in Pooler, GA, gaining valuable perspectives on the needs of businesses in the community and how best to support the organization with strategic direction, financial oversight, and giving local businesses a voice to local government. Jim has worked closely with the National Association of Manufacturers on issues such as energy production, tariff impacts on manufacturers, and upskilling.

Jim has developed partnerships with regional technical high schools and colleges to develop students and ensure they are job ready once they graduate. Jim is a big advocate for workforce development and has supported current and future employees through engagement, apprenticeships, and cross training.

Jim has been married to his wife Ann for 33 years and has 2 children. His daughter Morgan graduated from Duke University Law School and is a public defender in Albany, NY. His son Justin graduated with a degree in Bio-Chem from Florida Southern College and is in his second year of Medical School at The Medical College of Georgia at Augusta.



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