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Jim received a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Purdue University, completed post graduate engineering courses at Youngstown State University, and is a graduate of the Executive Management Program at the University of Michigan.

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Following a 36-year career with Ohio Edison Company, an electric utility company in which he held numerous engineering and staff positions, Jim left to devote full-time to his consulting activities. Founded in 1989, Watson Associates provides consulting services in career management. He is the author of the WRITETALK and ProSkills programs designed to incorporate communication and other career development skills and exercises within the university engineering technical curriculum. Watson Associates has directed the use of this program for more than 22,000 students at 13 major Universities.

Jim received numerous awards from IEEE in recognition for his volunteer activities associated with professionalism including the IEEE Third Millennium Metal and IEEE-USA 2001 Citation of Honor for his outstanding contribution to student career development activities. He has also published several articles on this topic in IEEE Antennas & Propagation, IEEE Potentials, HKN Bridge, and Wireless Systems Design.

As an international speaker, Jim has provided more than 1,800 presentations in the United States, Canada, Europe, and Asia to a total audience of over 86,000. This includes presentations at 257 IEEE Student Professional Awareness Conferences (S-PACs), 13 IEEE Student Professional Awareness Ventures (S-PAVs), and 840 other student meetings involving a total of over 51,000 students at 149 universities.