

Robert F. Freund

Bob Freund has been an entrepreneur since 1974 and is currently Director of Technology at Fusion Graphics, Inc., and has over 150 patents associated with him or his companies. Moving from Michigan, Bob spent about two years at NHS and was one of the first outstanding wrestlers at NHS shortly after wrestling became a varsity sport. After graduating in 1969, he attended Wright State University and the University of Cincinnati, studying Chemical and Mechanical Engineering.

While attending college, Bob worked for a Northridge business, Projects Unlimited, where he learned the tool making trade, and where David Wyse motivated Bob to use his creative skills to solve business problems. In 1973, Bob left college and Projects Unlimited, and with \$500 and a \$10,000 bank loan started his own company, Freund Precision, Inc. Over the years the company grew to over 150 employees and produced high-quality electro-mechanical products for the aerospace, medical, and consumer markets with revenues of \$150 million over a 20 year period.

During his tenure at Freund Precision, Bob founded the following companies of which he was either the President or CEO:

- Energy Innovation, a partnership between Freund Precision and DP&L to develop an automated meter reading system
- Freund Medical Products, Inc. produced two products, creating a new market for Disposable Injection Coronary Syringes, and Femoral Arterial Clamping Systems
- Environmental Products Company, Inc. (Envipco) developed 37 patented technologies for reverse vending of beverage containers, resulting in the collection of 7 billion containers a month from six states for recycling
- LAWS, Inc. developed the printing of invisible bar codes to protect pharmaceuticals from fraudulent distribution

- Vastek, Inc. developed a system to computerize inflation device for coronary balloon catheters used in angioplasty, increasing the performance and success rate of angioplasties

In 1993, Modern Technology Corporation, Inc. acquired Freund Precision, and Bob became Vice President of MTC and President of Emerging Technologies Division, Inc. While at MTC he started the Composite Technologies Company, which produces basketball backboards and outdoor products, using recycled products.

In 1996, after departing MTC, Bob founded Fusion Graphics, Inc., which, along with John Prikkel, another innovative product developer and NHS grad, has developed patented products for the decorating of plastic molded products, which will be manufactured and sold internationally by Standard Register Company.

Some of the honors earned by Bob over the years include the Small Business Administration's Small Business of the Year, 1985 and 1986; the Engineering and Science Foundation's Engineering Design and Development Award, 1996; and the Ohio State Senate Award for Distinguished Professional Achievement, 1996. He has also served on several boards, including Wright State University Foundation, Wright State University Engineering, and Miami Valley Hospital Foundation.

Bob has no children and is currently single. He enjoys golf and long-distance running, having competed in hundreds of 10K events and several marathons. He also enjoys flying and has logged over 10,000 hours as a pilot.

My best efforts are at work where I have been blessed to have a career that provides me the ability to work on programs that keep me mentally engaged in what I do best developing technological solutions to business opportunities. My goal for the balance of my working career is to teach young professionals how to grow and run a business and enjoy the work as much as I have over the last 35 years. Work is what I do and what I enjoy most, and I can truly say I have never worked a day in my life that was not fun.