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Founder and Chief Executive Officer
Lift-It[®] Manufacturing Co., Inc.

Mike Gelskey was seventeen when he went to work in a sling fabrication shop. Seven years later he secured private funding and founded Lift-It[®] Manufacturing Co., Inc.

Lift-It[®] has become an industry leader in the manufacture and supply of quality rigging, tools and safety equipment.

Mr. Gelskey has authored numerous articles for national and international publications. He was the President and a Director of the Web Sling and Tie Down Association and now serves as the Legal Resource Committee Chairman and is a member of the Web Sling and Roundsling committees. He is a member of the ASME B30.9 Sling Subcommittee as well as the Technical Committee for the Associated Wire Rope Fabricators.

Long before sling safety training was “popular” Mike Gelskey presented sling training at his own expense, to anyone who would listen. With 44 years of experience in the design and fabrication of synthetic lifting products, he has presented sling user and inspection training for 36 years to numerous corporate clients, organizations and associations. Many clients request additional training, speaking volumes about the worthwhile nature of his presentations.

Mr. Gelskey is passionate about his message which goes far beyond traditional sling use and inspection. His energy is contagious and inspires a quest for excellence that does not allow for compromise. His ultimate goal is to modify behavior, creating an aversion to risk and a decision process that results in the selection of safe and proper practices.

Comments from Mr. Gelskey’s clients:

Your training does more than adequately cover sling use and inspection. You teach a way of life and our people are safer at home and on the weekends because of you.

*Joe Crandell
Salt River Project*

Mr. Gelskey,

Just wanted to drop you a line and say thanks! I have been through numerous trainings and seminars in my short 27 years of blue collar survival and have to say that the last four days have been monumental to say the least. You have set the bar for training in this line of work, not just in this industry line, but you brought to me a personal line of training that dictated what it is to be a man of integrity. You taught the important values of safe rigging and quality, how to be transparent, validating the values of God, being an American, and the importance of family, friends and community. I am grateful that the world of commerce has not compromised you. For most, it’s all about the wallet. Keep up the great work in the greatest race you will ever run.

Paul Kriege

God bless you for the work you are doing. You did a fantastic job of communicating and thank you for your commitment to the lives and wellbeing of people. We need more people like you out there.

*Don Merrill
J.R. Simplot*