

## CORE QUALIFICATIONS

- 25+ Years CNC Machining Experience
- Lead CNC Machinist Experience
- Former DoD Security Clearance Holder
- Defense & Aerospace Manufacturing
- Missile Defense Manufacturing
- Oil & Gas Manufacturing
- Valve Manufacturing
- High-Production Manufacturing
- Haas CNC Lathe Setup & Operation
- Haas CNC Mill Setup & Operation
- Doosan CNC Lathe Experience
- Okuma CNC Lathe Experience
- Multi-Axis Machining Experience
- Blueprint Reading & GD&T Interpretation
- Tight-Tolerance Machining
- Precision Inspection & Quality Control
- Manufacturing Troubleshooting
- Employee Training & Development
- Shop Floor Leadership
- Process Improvement
- Production Optimization
- OSHA Safety Compliance
- Overhead Crane Operations
- Rigging Operations
- Forklift Certified
- Lean Manufacturing Principles
- Manufacturing Documentation
- Nationwide Travel Availability

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

CNC Machining • CNC Setup • Haas Controls  
Doosan Equipment • Okuma Equipment  
CNC Lathe Operations • CNC Mill Operations  
Blueprint Reading • GD&T Interpretation  
Precision Measurement • Micrometers  
Calipers • Bore Gauges • Height Gauges  
Precision Inspection Equipment  
Quality Assurance • Quality Control  
Tooling Adjustments • Manufacturing  
Documentation • Process Improvement  
Lean Manufacturing • Employee Training  
Operational Excellence • Manufacturing  
Safety Compliance • Forklift Operations  
Rigging • Overhead Crane Operations

## EDUCATION

### High School Diploma

Pella High School  
Pella, Iowa

## ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Former DoD Security Clearance Holder
- Available for Nationwide Travel
- Available for Day, Night, Weekend, and Rotating Shifts
- Strong Record of Reliability, Attendance & Professionalism

## REFERENCES

Juan Artemio Coronilla Juarez  
Management – SMICO Manufacturing  
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Additional Professional  
References Available Upon Request

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Authorized to Work in the United States for Any Employer

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Former DoD Security Clearance Holder with more than 25 years of CNC machining, machine setup, troubleshooting, production support, manufacturing leadership, and contract manufacturing experience. Proven ability to quickly integrate into new manufacturing environments, support production goals, solve complex machining challenges, and maintain the highest quality standards in defense, aerospace, missile defense, oil & gas, valve manufacturing, industrial equipment, and high-production manufacturing operations.

Recognized for exceptional reliability, adaptability, leadership, and technical expertise. Extensive experience setting up and operating Haas CNC lathes and mills, Doosan lathes, and Okuma lathes while maintaining tight tolerances, meeting demanding production schedules, and supporting operational excellence.

Known for training employees, troubleshooting production issues, improving manufacturing processes, and serving as a trusted technical resource in fast-paced manufacturing environments nationwide.

*Extensive experience supporting nationwide manufacturing operations through contract assignments requiring rapid integration, technical expertise, adaptability, and immediate productivity in defense, aerospace, industrial, and precision manufacturing environments.*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### COLUMBIA GEAR CORPORATION

June 2026 – Present

Traveling CNC Machinist (Contract Assignment) | Avon, Minnesota

- Provide advanced CNC machining expertise supporting precision gear manufacturing operations.
- Perform machine setup, troubleshooting, tooling adjustments, production optimization, and operational support.
- Quickly integrate into new manufacturing environments while maintaining productivity and quality standards.
- Maintain strict adherence to engineering specifications, manufacturing documentation, and production schedules.
- Support continuous improvement initiatives and manufacturing efficiency efforts.

### SMICO MANUFACTURING

June 2024 – May 2026

Lead CNC Machinist | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

May 2022 – July 2023

August 2018 – October 2021

- Served as Lead CNC Machinist supporting daily manufacturing operations.
- Set up and operated Haas CNC lathes and mills while maintaining tight tolerances and quality standards.
- Managed jobs from blueprint review through production completion.
- Optimized tooling, feeds, speeds, and setup procedures to maximize productivity and efficiency.
- Assisted in training machinists and machine operators.
- Troubleshot machining and production issues to minimize downtime and maintain workflow.
- Collaborated with management and production teams to support operational excellence.
- Served as a trusted technical resource for complex setups and manufacturing challenges.

### AEROJET ROCKETDYNE

July 2023 – June 2024

Traveling CNC Machinist (Defense Contract Assignment) | Camden, Arkansas

- Supported precision manufacturing operations for defense and aerospace programs.
- Performed CNC machine setup, operation, troubleshooting, tooling adjustments, and production support.
- Manufactured critical components requiring strict adherence to quality standards and manufacturing specifications.
- Worked in a highly regulated environment supporting missile defense and aerospace manufacturing programs.
- Maintained tight tolerances while meeting demanding production schedules and documentation requirements.
- Quickly adapted to customer-specific equipment, procedures, and manufacturing standards.

### HTI – HUMAN TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

October 2021 – May 2022

Machinist | Hutchinson, Kansas

### MERCER VALVE COMPANY

March 2017 – May 2018

CNC Machinist | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

### HUNTING TITAN

April 2013 – April 2016

CNC Machinist | Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

### PELLA MACHINE

1998 – February 2013

CNC Machinist | Pella, Iowa