

Spotlight on Sam and Patti Hoff



In this article, we are shining the spotlight on our leader, Sam Hoff, and his wife, Patti, the company's namesake. Sam is the founder, owner, and president of Patti Engineering, Inc. which started from his home in 1991. In his 22 years of success establishing Patti Engineering as a leading control systems integrator, he expanded the business from his home office to a personally-owned 13,000 square foot headquarters in Auburn Hills, Michigan. Patti Engineering also has employees in Texas and Massachusetts. Patti Hoff serves as the company's Vice President of Finance. She has been working alongside Sam since Patti Engineering's inception.

Under Sam and Patti's leadership, our company has grown to employ an outstanding group of degreed engineers with vast knowledge and expertise in manufacturing control and information systems. The Patti Engineers have extensive experience implementing a wide range of industrial controls across various industries. Sam and Patti take great pride in the fact that customers seek our expertise to solve complex and difficult problems; and the company has gained the customers' trust by solving the issues that many other companies will not touch.

In addition to founding Patti Engineering, Sam also co-founded LEID Products (Law Enforcement Intelligent Devices) with Dave Foster and Rick Crigger. LEID Products is the pioneer of electronic cabinets and gun rack storage using biometrics. The patented Biometric Access Control Systems (BACS™) - developed in 2006 by Patti Engineering - is a proven asset management and inventory control system used to secure and track critical inventory for a wide range of customers.

Sam has served on several boards and committees, including Automation Alley Board of Directors, Kettering University Electrical and Computer Engineering Board, and the Controls Systems Integrators Association (CSIA) Board of Directors. Sam is Co-Chair of CSIA's Partner Committee which is dedicated to creating a mutually beneficial relationship between hardware supply partners and system integrators. Sam also is a past president of the Clarkston Rotary Club in Clarkston, Michigan.

Originally from Maryland, Sam first arrived in Michigan to attend General Motors Institute (GMI) which is now Kettering University in Flint, Michigan. Sam earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering.

Patti, who Sam met while attending GMI, grew up in Flint, Michigan as the baby of eight siblings. Her parents spent 70 years combined employed with General Motors. Patti earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business marketing from Oakland University in Rochester Hills, MI.



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Sam and Patti have two children, their daughter, Payton, and son, Sammy. Payton is an avid competitive swimmer who recently completed a great high school swimming career. As a senior, she is looking forward to attending college next year and pursuing an engineering degree. Sammy is in fourth grade, loves playing a variety of sports, reading, and attending professional and college sporting events with his dad.

The Hoff family enjoys spending time together in the Michigan outdoors. Sam has a passion for golf, enjoys playing poker and is an avid baseball fan while Patti enjoys reading, playing board and card games, watching her children play sports, and will occasionally join Sam to play a round of golf. They especially like to visit Patti's extended family "Up North" during beautiful Michigan summers.

The diligence and passion Sam and Patti bring to their company has helped earned Patti Engineering *Control Engineering Magazine's* most prestigious award for being the [2013 System Integrator of the Year](#).

