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BW Design Group adds former Velta Technology talent to bolster expertise in industrial cybersecurity *Combination enables BW Design Group to expand its cybersecurity offering with a focus on manufacturing and operational technology*



ST. LOUIS — July 24, 2024 — BW Design Group, one of the largest system integrators in the U.S., announces that former employees of Velta Technology, a leading provider of digital safety and cybersecurity solutions, have joined the firm. Already a leader in digital transformation and cybersecurity for the food and beverage, life sciences, industrial, and advanced technology markets, the addition of Velta Technology's thought leadership and talent expands BW Design Group's capabilities to address the escalating need for cybersecurity among manufacturing and technology clients.

Since its founding in 2018, Velta Technology has helped countless manufacturers and critical infrastructure organizations implement digital safety solutions and protect against operational technology and Internet of Things security breaches. It has earned impressive accolades, including being named one of the [5 Top Cybersecurity Startups Impacting Heavy Industries](#), receiving [Claroty's Partner of the Year](#) in 2020 and, like BW Design Group, being recognized as one of the [2024 System Integrator Giants](#) by Control Engineering Magazine.

Working with Velta Technology is not new to BW Design Group, as the two firms have a history of collaboration.

"We have had a productive partnership with Velta Technology since their inception, built upon mutual respect and years-long professional relationships," says Rob Hensel, Partner, who leads Digital Transformation at BW Design Group. "Since 2018, we've shared industry insights, explored collaborative opportunities with clients, and enhanced each other's approach to securing plant floor assets for our clients. We're thrilled to have them officially join our team."

As manufacturers rapidly embrace new technologies to digitize and integrate their systems, the threat of cyberattacks increases in step. According to reports from [IBM Security](#) and [Sophos](#), manufacturing is the top target for cyberattacks, costing an average of \$1.8 million per attack, not including ransom payments or revenue lost from production downtime.

"Digital transformation requires huge amounts of plant floor data to be accessed, stored, and processed, and manufacturers must take proactive measures to secure their plant floor systems," says Hensel. "BW Design Group and Velta Technology's combined cybersecurity expertise helps ensure that our clients receive the highest level of protection for their critical assets, preserving manufacturing uptime, protecting their intellectual property, and keeping their customers' trust."

ABOUT BW DESIGN GROUP

BW Design Group is the only professional services firm born from a manufacturing technology company to become an independent and fully integrated consulting, design, system integration and construction management firm. With deep domain expertise in the manufacturing environment, our team delivers world-class solutions across the food and beverage, life sciences, industrial, advanced technology and semiconductor industries. Rooted in our distinct culture of Truly Human Leadership, we've built a firm uniquely equipped to create unparalleled partnerships and lasting value for our clients. To learn how we're building the future of manufacturing and technology, go to bwdesigngroup.com.

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Barry-Wehmiller is a diversified global supplier of highly engineered capital equipment and consulting services for a wide variety of industries. By blending people-centric leadership with disciplined operational strategies and purpose-driven growth, BW has become a \$3.6 billion organization with more than 12,000 team members united by a common belief: to use the power of business

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