

Chris Nielsen

President

Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Texas, Inc.

Chris Nielsen is president of Toyota Motor Manufacturing Texas, Inc. (TMMTX) located in San Antonio. TMMTX is the home of the Tundra and Tacoma pickup trucks directly employing over 2,800 team members.

Prior to this role, he served as vice president of purchasing, vehicle parts and materials for Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America, Inc. (TEMA); where he was responsible for overseeing all vehicle parts and materials procurement as well as supplier production preparation. TEMA, located in the Cincinnati suburb of Erlanger, Ky.; supports Toyota's growing research and development, engineering and manufacturing operations in North America.

Mr. Nielsen joined Toyota in 1987 as a buyer at the Georgetown, Ky., plant and progressed through a series of positions in purchasing. He was the first American to participate in the management expatriation program, a year-long management development assignment with Toyota Motor Corporation in Japan in 1999.

From 2003 to 2006, Mr. Nielsen served as chief production manager for the Tundra and Sequoia vehicles, leading the overall manufacturing preparation, including the establishment of TMMTX.

Mr. Nielsen is a native of Warren, Mich. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering from Kettering University in Flint, Mich. In addition, he serves on the board of trustees for Kettering University and is chairman of the Southwest Minority Supplier Development Council's advisory board.