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About Jim: Jim Ashton is the non-executive Chairman of One Neck IT Services, a professional services outsourcing company. Jim is also Chairman of ThermaSys Corporation; TransVision Corporation; Poco Graphite, Inc.; and DESA International, and sits on several other Boards. All of these companies are private, and all except DESA were previously part of larger parents.

Here are his comments about William Pinney as they relate to the management buyout of OneNeck:

“Two years ago, the two leaders of One Neck (which at that time was owned by a much larger parent) asked me to help them with the possible opportunity to buy One Neck and set it up as an independent company. I have connections to a variety of leveraged buy-out firms, and the two leaders worked for me before they started up One Neck within the larger parent. After muddling about with a variety of private equity firms, at my suggestion they hired William Pinney (who recently founded Mayfair Associates LLC) as investment banker to develop financing strategy, negotiate with the seller, arrange the financing and act as financial advisor with company post closing. Since One Neck is a professional services outsourcing company with no hard assets, the result attained with William's strategy and assistance--management buying the company and retaining a controlling interest--was certainly successful beyond our original expectations. The deal has gone well.”