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Jim Meil has been recognized as a leading industrial sector economist and planner for over 35 years. At ACT Research, he is responsible for analysis and forecasts on the North American economy, and commentary on trends in manufacturing, with a focus on capital goods, auto, and truck and trailer demand.

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Prior to joining ACT Research, Meil spent 30 years in the planning department of Eaton Corporation, retiring as Vice President and Chief Economist in 2014. He has served on the Board of Directors for the National Association for Business Economics, the professional trade group of business economists, and worked for Chase Econometrics and for Burroughs Corporation before Eaton.

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