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Prior to joining the agency, Dr. Black served various roles in the food industry related to the evaluation and recommendation of processing equipment and parameters, as well as research and development in microbial food safety.
Matthew Botos is currently on the Food Safety and Preventive Controls Alliance (FSPCA) International Subcommittee. He is also one of a few approved Train the Trainer instructors of the FSPCA Lead Instructor program launched in October 2015 and has taught over 800 of the nation’s leading food safety experts. Mr. Botos is a former officer at The Institute of Food Technologist, a member of a business advisory board for The Civilian Research and Development Foundation, a member of the Illinois Agricultural Task Force, has had an appointment as a scientific advisor for the Department of Energy, and was Senior Advisor for the Illinois Science and Technology Coalition. Mr. Botos brings extensive experience in aseptic manufacturing and extended shelf-life products, packaging products, and heat exchanger systems. He continues to work with food and life science companies to adapt to the ever-changing landscape of new processing technologies and the challenge of adhering to Good Manufacturing Practices to combat both intentional and unintentional food supply contamination. Mr. Botos was also a participant in several government-sponsored initiatives that included international programs for-and-with the USDA and USAID specific to the Middle East and the former Yugoslavia. Mr. Botos received his Bachelors of Science in Agricultural and Biological Engineering from Purdue University with an emphasis in thermodynamics and kinetic modeling of foods and pharmaceuticals.
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