

Biographical information for Vikram “Vik” Sahney, EPN signature event presenter April 12, 2017

Vikram Sahney, Divisional Vice President of Sustainability, Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI) is an avid outdoor adventurer and strategy and operations leader. REI is the nation's largest consumer cooperative with over 6 million active members and \$2.4B in annual revenue, and is headquartered in the Seattle area. REI is founded on the belief that "*An Outdoor Life is a Life Well-Lived*". Prior to leading sustainability initiatives at REI he led overall Co-Op strategy and business development.

Prior to his positions at REI, Vik was an Associate Principal in McKinsey & Company's Seattle office, where he spent eight years specializing in operations (e.g., lean transformation programs, procurement, direct material cost reduction) and strategy (business unit strategy, technology strategy, long term forecasting) for industrial clients including automotive, aerospace, and mining and metals. Vik has worked around the world with significant time spent in the US, Canada, China, Australia, and London. Previously he was a production systems consultant at The Boeing Company, and a vehicle package engineer at The Ford Motor Company. A native of Birmingham, Michigan, he received a BS in Mechanical Engineering and a BS in Aerospace Engineering and a Masters in Automotive Engineering, all at the University of Michigan. He then received a Masters of Science from MIT and an MBA from MIT's Sloan School of Management.

Vik's outdoor adventures include high altitude mountaineering, in 2011 becoming one of ~350 people and the first Indian-American to complete the 7 Summits, summiting the tallest peak on each continent. <http://7summits.com/> He also enjoys skiing, rock climbing, windsurfing, and scuba diving. Vik is active in the Seattle community and serves as a climb leader, volunteer instructor, and Advisory Council member at the Mountaineers and on the Board of Directors for the Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust <http://mtsgreenway.org/> He is also on the Board of Directors of the American Alpine Club.