

SKIP & MELODE SMELKO Altrua

Melode and Skip Smelko are the owners of Altrua Global Solutions, a family business founded by Melode's parents over 45 years ago. They continue their parents' legacy by giving back to their team, clients, vendors, and the community.

In 2016, they established a Law Enforcement Break Room at their production facility on Hartsfield Road, providing officers and deputies a quiet space for paperwork and breaks. Their commitment to supporting first responders is further reflected in their Hometown Hero program, founded 10 years ago to honor local veterans during the Veterans Day parade. To date, 13 veterans, including five World War II veterans, have been recognized.

Married for 33 years, Melode and Skip are proud parents of two grown daughters, Isabel and Abby, with Abby now continuing the family tradition by joining Altrua two years ago.