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Industry analysts and key customers have recognized Collins for the maturity of its management of risk. Customers, business partners and allies of strategic importance have requested and received consulting in program and business risk management from Collins. As a result, O'Brien's work regularly involves him across the value chain of the Collins businesses to foster risk entrepreneurialism and program performance.

Prior to his role in management of risk, O'Brien was the process owner for continuous process improvement and culture change for the Collins businesses. In a former life, he was a tenure-track professor at a Division I university. He received the M.A. in journalism and Ph.D. in Mass Communication from the University of Iowa. He is a member of the Project Management Institute, and its Risk Management special interest group.

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