

Join Our Team!

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Lean Enterprise Certification Program for High Performance Manufacturing

Virtual Classroom - Beginning March 2

The next session of the Lean Enterprise High Performance Manufacturing (LEHPM) training is scheduled to start March 2nd. **This session will be presented virtually.**

The Impact Dakota LEAN Enterprise High Performance Manufacturing (LEHPM) training helps businesses achieve higher profitability by building internal capability and capacity to improve QUALITY, COST, and DELIVERY performance. This is the only nationally-certified and recognized program for Lean Certification in the country and is applicable to manufacturers and non-manufacturers.

[If you are interested in participating in this LEHPM training, please click here to learn more about the program.](#)

If you have questions, please contact:
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—Leadership Training Opportunities—

Coaching: February 23 via virtual classroom

Coaching is a form of development in which an experienced person, called a coach, supports a learner or client in achieving a specific personal or professional goal by providing training and guidance. It is a method of achieving set goals. The coach through dialogue helps the coachee (one being coached) to correctly set a goal, to find the best way to achieve the goal and reveal hidden inner potential in a person. The coach does not say how to achieve success but asks questions through which the client himself finds the solution to his own tasks. This program will look at the fundamental qualities of a coach and develop proper strategy to implement a coaching opportunity within the current work environment.

[Click here to register for Coaching: February 23 • 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. \(CT\)](#)

Teambuilding: February 24 via virtual classroom

Assembling, developing, and managing the “right” team is paramount in today’s business climate. This intensive program delivers deep insight into proven approaches and practical tools and techniques you can use immediately to build a solid team and to solve complex team challenges. During this program, the Team will be faced with a situation in which they must discuss, analyze, and develop the best solution in order for the team to move forward.

[Click here to register for Teambuilding: February 24 • 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. \(CT\)](#)

After a March (and More) of Madness, What's Next for Manufacturers?

“National Conversation with Manufacturers” session panelists’ interest in what’s next for their own operations extended to what’s next for manufacturing as a whole. The MEP National Network, they said, could be the trusted resource helping shepherd them and other small and medium-sized manufacturers to the next stage of the economic cycle and their business development.

What's Next?

Will Requiring Vaccines Hurt a Company's Culture?

While many people, thankfully, have moved heaven and earth to discover, produce and distribute a vaccine for COVID-19, when it comes to deciding whether companies should require vaccination as a term of employment, there isn't a clear consensus.

A new study says 67% of companies are concerned about a mandate's impact on employee morale.

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How Healthy is Your Organization?



Companies are challenged with continuously reducing cost, increasing flexibility, and decreasing lead times while still providing their customers with high-quality products.

In an effort to help North Dakota’s manufacturers, Impact Dakota is expanding its on-site, no-cost assessment of your manufacturing business to identify and discuss opportunities that can help with improved productivity of your resources. The approach to this assessment is based on principles of LEAN manufacturing which focuses on reduction of wastes helping companies achieve higher levels of productivity in their production and operations. As part of this assessment, in a very friendly but purposeful way, the Impact Dakota staff walk the shop floor to observe, evaluate, and discuss your production and supporting operations. Following the on-site visit a brief summary report reflecting observations and outline of recommendations will be provided.

Have we got a deal for you!



» UPCOMING EVENTS

VIRTUAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Automation How-To**
February 18
- Coaching**
February 23
- Teambuilding**
February 24
- LECP-HPM**
Beginning March 2

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Making an Impact Since 2001 ...

Client Results*

» **\$374** MILLION IN NEW AND RETAINED SALES

» **\$111** MILLION IN COST SAVINGS

» **\$212** MILLION IN NEW INVESTMENTS

» **3,682** JOBS - CREATED OR RETAINED

*Determined by an independent third-party survey.



Combining Lean Enterprise Certification Program and Quick & Easy Kaizen generated \$153,000 in savings and 243 implemented ideas.



Job Instruction Training enabled 75% reduction in set-up time and 50% reduction in deviations from standard procedures.

Connected Communities Can Build Strong Supply Chain

Data-sharing is gaining momentum as 58% of retailers and manufacturers are already implementing these solutions.

After the pandemic highlighted some inefficiencies in the global supply chain Deloitte conducted a survey of supply chain leaders to garner information that can be turned into strategies on how companies can redefine how “they connect and collaborate across the transportation ecosystem.”

Supply Chain



Supply Chain Scouting System

Impact Dakota is partnering with NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NIST MEP) and our nationwide network of 50 other MEP Centers across the U.S. and Puerto Rico to help solve supply chain gaps encountered by government entities, critical care service providers, and manufacturers.

Supplier Scouting

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