

Quick and Easy Kaizen: Not Just Another Suggestion System

June 7, 2011 | Clear Lake, SD



Host Company:

DJO Global, Inc.



Imagine a world in which every one of your employees was making improvements to their job or work area every day. Imagine **saving 1.7M steps, over 8,000 work hours, \$147,000 in materials and reducing paper usage by almost 17,000 sheets** in less than two years.

DJO Global has done all that and more through the Quick and Easy Kaizen program introduced to them in 2009, by Mark Volesky of the Dakota Manufacturing Extension Partnership.

Quick and Easy Kaizen is a continuous improvement tool that gets everyone involved. DJO Global requires every employee to implement at least one QEK each month (or a total of 12 per year). Implement is the key word. The supervisor is the only approval needed so it happens quickly and the employee is responsible to implement the idea. It can be anything from 5S improvements to process changes. DJO Global has 180 employees. In 2010, we had over 2100 QEK ideas implemented.

Who Should Attend

- Managers
- Supervisors
- Engineers
- Lean Champions
- Floor level employees



Seating is limited. Get yours now!

Every member of your organization will improve their creative thinking and problem solving skills by attending this workshop.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Most of us make the mistake of calling virtually any improvement method "continuous improvement". Quick and Easy Kaizen is the most effective and powerful way to implement a practical and sustainable continuous improvement system. Many of us have implemented a Lean Production System, but what if you implemented a **Thinking Production System**. A system made up of people that are all contributing to the performance and progress of the organization.

Quick and Easy Kaizen is based on the premise that it is your responsibility to do your job in the best way possible. If you can find a way to do the same job more easily, more comfortably and with greater quality and productivity – **Just Do It!**

During this workshop you will learn the Quick & Easy Kaizen skills, then immediately implement them during your tour of DJO Global, Inc. Afterwards, the participants will share what they observed so others may learn from their experience as well. You will also hear from Kristin Munro of Mid-America Aviation about their experience with Quick and Easy Kaizen.

This workshop will be presented by Mark Volesky, Senior Business Advisor with the Dakota Manufacturing Extension Partnership. Dakota MEP is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping companies improve their performance, productivity & profitability.



Characteristics of Quick and Easy Kaizen

- Ideas are encouraged and welcomed throughout the organization
- Ideas are implemented immediately by the employee
- System emphasizes small ideas
- System is easy to use, effective – yet simple
- People are recognized for making improvements – success is celebrated
- System is measured, reviewed and improved
- System develops knowledge and skills

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COURSE AGENDA

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

- 7:45 a.m. Registration
- 8:00 a.m. Introductions
- 8:15 a.m. Quick and Easy Kaizen Presentation with Mark Volesky
- 9:45 a.m. Break
- 10:00 a.m. DJO Tour and Implementation
- 10:45 a.m. Quick and Easy Kaizen Discussion
- 11:30 a.m. Mid-America Aviation Presentation
- 11:45 a.m. Panel Question & Answer
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn

**Special Requirements:

To participate in the tour, no Capri's, shorts or skirts are allowed and closed toe shoes are required.

SPEAKER INFORMATION



Dakota MEP
 Fargo, ND

Mark Volesky, Senior Business Advisor with Dakota MEP, is an MEP certified trainer in the Lean Manufacturing series of tools and principles, including instruction of the Lean Enterprise Certification course and proctoring of the SME Lean Bronze-level certification examination. Mark is Lean Bronze certified through the AME/Shingo Prize/SME lean certification program and is certified in the Training-Within-Industry (TWI) program. He recently passed the ISO 9000 Certified Lead Auditor examination. Mark is also a member of the Shingo Prize Board of Examiners. His primary emphasis is assisting small to medium-sized manufacturers with planning and direct implementation of waste reduction/profit improvement initiatives. He was selected as the MEP Practitioner of the Year at the national MEP conference in April of 2007.



Mid-America Aviation
 Fargo, ND.

Kristin Munro, joined Mid-America Aviation in 2009 as their Quality Systems Manager. Her duties include ensuring appropriate Quality Systems are established and integrated throughout MAA, serving as the MAA Coordinator for Certification and Standards, such as ISO9001:2008 and AS9100, and being the principal manager for employee training. Kristin has also worked at Northern Pipe Products, Inc., as their ISO / Education Coordinator; the Fargo Jet Center as the Charter Coordinator and Microsoft Great Plains as their Events Coordinator. She is ASQ Certified. She holds certificates for "Manager of Quality / Organizational Excellent" and "Quality Improvement Associate."

REGISTRATION

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Membership ID# _____

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