



## Lean Enterprise High Performance Manufacturing

**Beginning May 10, 2022 • Presented via Virtual Classroom!**

The Lean Enterprise High Performance Manufacturing (LEHPM) training provides your key staff with a working knowledge of the principles and best practices of Lean. It is the only nationally recognized Lean Certification program; using standards developed and judged by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME).

Impact Dakota will work with your employees to build their Lean knowledge and skills, and help you sustain your Lean capacity through the LEHPM program. It includes classroom training on all major Lean tools and elements and immediate implementation of that knowledge and skills in your company.

[Click here for complete LEHPM Information](#)



# FOOD SAFETY TRAINING



## Basics of HACCP

June 1-2 • Fargo, ND

Basics of HACCP is an interactive, two-day course. Upon completion, participants will receive a certificate from the International HACCP Alliance.

Topics Include:

- Good Manufacturing Practices (GMPs)
- Regulatory food safety
- Hazard analysis, monitoring, and verification activities.
- Tips on food safety leadership, building a safe food culture, and implementing food safety programs.

[Basics of HACCP Info](#)

## Preventive Controls for Human Food Training

June 14-16 • Bismarck, ND

**Are You Responsible for Developing Your Company's Food Safety System?**

A Preventive Controls Qualified Individual (PCQI) is responsible for the oversight or performance of:

1. Preparation of the Food Safety Plan,
2. Validation of the Preventive Controls Records Review,
3. Re-analysis of the Food Safety Plan, and
4. Other activities as appropriate for the type of food.

[PCQI Training Info](#)

## Business Excellence Optimization Update

Since rolling out our new Business Excellence Optimization offering, Impact Dakota has completed six Assessment and Report Out Sessions.

The process consists of a 54 question assessment for your leadership team, and then a two hour report out session with those same people. This session allows us to partner with leadership to dig deep on your pain points, get to root causes and develop a holistic roadmap to success for your organization. We then give all that information and recommendations developed from the process to you at no cost.

**What Makes Us Different?** As North Dakota's NIST MEP-approved Center, Impact Dakota's mission is to help manufacturers in North Dakota achieve their potential. We are measured by the economic impact we provide to the North Dakota companies we serve, **which means, your success equals our success.** In the past four quarters we have helped 45 manufacturers generate \$8.8M in New Sales, \$27.9M in Retained Sales, \$3.0M in Cost Savings, 203 Jobs Retained, and \$2.6M in New Investments and we would love to help you.

Please contact [Gordon](#) if you have any questions, or if you would like to take action on the Business Excellence Optimization offering.

**PEOPLE + PROCESSES in alignment with Organizational Strategy = RESULTS**

## Manufacturing Podcast Series - Hosted by Mike Seminary



In the first episode of a series about manufacturing in North Dakota, Impact Dakota CEO/President Jodie Mjoen explains how Impact Dakota can help manufacturers become Lean, efficient and sustainable.

[Podcast #1 - Jodie Mjoen](#)



Kristin Hedger is the Vice President of Business Development for Killdeer Mountain Manufacturing (KMM), a company her grandfather founded to create jobs for people in western North Dakota. It has accomplished that goal, and KMM was presented with the Excellence in Advocacy Award by the Boeing Co. for creating jobs and economic success in the industry.

[Podcast #2 - Kristin Hedger](#)



Howard and Brian Dahl (brothers) are grandsons of E.G. Melroe, the founder of Melroe Company, one of the original North Dakota manufacturers. Together, they founded Amity Technology and have revolutionized the agricultural manufacturing industry across North America and Eastern Europe, including Russia and Ukraine. Howard, a man of great faith, joins me to share a small part of his story.

[Podcast #3 - Howard Dahl](#)



Through a trajectory of randomness (in his own words) James Leiman has interrogated the Taliban, left his job in Washington, DC, to become a City Administrator in Ada, Minnesota, and is currently the Commissioner of the North Dakota Department of Commerce.

[Podcast #4 - James Leiman](#)

## SkillBridge — A Workforce Assistance Program

In conversations with manufacturers and economic development personnel in North Dakota, one of the major constraints companies have is finding qualified employees.

SkillBridge, offered by the US Air Force, is designed to provide apprenticeship, internship, and on-the-job training opportunities to help separating military members gain new skills to increase opportunities for post-separation civilian employment. The SkillBridge desired outcomes are to reduce veteran unemployment and under-employment while improving employment opportunities and the financial sustenance of veterans and their families.

**The program allows approved companies to be reimbursed for up to six months of the service member's pay as they are interning and learning their new trade.** There are also other benefits that may apply.

For more information, please contact the Grand Forks Air Force Base education office at 701-747-3316.

[Click here to view SkillBridge Flyer](#)

[DOD Company Approval Info](#)

## 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 manufacturers, government entities, and critical service providers.

**Do you have a gap?  
Are you able to fill a gap?**

Please click on the button below to check out the list of current needs.

## NIST MEP Helps Manufacturers Respond to the Pandemic and Thrive Despite It

The Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), a program of the U.S. Commerce Department's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), has announced the results of its fiscal year 2021 manufacturing client survey, as well as the impacts of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funding through January 2022.

[Click here to read full story](#)

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