

Happy Holidays

from everyone at Impact Dakota!
We wish you a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous 2021!

FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) Preventive Controls for Human Food Training

Virtual Classroom - January 12-14

One of the most significant FDA rules is the Preventive Controls for Human Food rule. This rule states that every human food manufacturer, except for the very smallest who will have modified requirements, must have somebody on staff who has completed a Preventive Controls for Human Food class.

This three-day event will prepare you for the REQUIRED facility Food Safety Plan as well as ongoing verification of the plan.

[PCQI Info & Registration](#)

Lean Enterprise Certification Program for High Performance Manufacturing

Virtual Classroom - Beginning January 21st

The next session of the Lean Enterprise Certification Program for High Performance Manufacturing (LECP-HPM) is scheduled to start January 20th. **This session will be presented virtually.**

The Impact Dakota LEAN Enterprise Certification Program for High Performance Manufacturing (LECP-HPM) 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 LECP-HPM training, please click here to learn more about the program.](#)

If you have questions, please contact:
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QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

ISO9001:2015 Internal Auditor Training

Virtual Classroom - January 20-21

ISO9001 is the Quality Management System that many businesses use as the foundation upon which they add their unique industry requirements. Many firms are already ISO Certified, and many more are becoming certified as their customers require it or they are trying to attract new business.

[ISO9001:2015 Info & Registration](#)

AS9100D Internal Auditor Training

Virtual Classroom - January 20-21

AS9100 fully incorporates the entirety of the current version of ISO9001; while adding requirements relating to quality and safety in the aviation, space and defense industry. Major aviation, space, and defense manufacturers and suppliers worldwide require compliance and/or registration to AS9100 as a condition of doing business with them.

[AS9100D Info & Registration](#)

Leadership Webinar Series

Virtual Classroom - Various Dates

During these trying and challenging times, Impact Dakota is not letting the pandemic slow down leadership training for your organization. We have been offering webinars on Leadership and Communication and will be back with a full schedule of leadership training via webinar starting in January.

In person training is available, where permissible, but we are not going to stop our commitment to you in providing quality leadership development classes that are preparing new and experienced leadership for the demands of the future.

For information and registration, please contact Laurie at lauries@impactdakota.com, or call 701-354-0988.

Rethinking Business Risk After the Great Lockdown

Manufacturing leaders have told us the current health situation has really made them think about risk. They see risk in their supply chains, their workforces, their standard practices and in pulling back from innovation. Mitigating those risks, they say, comes in the form of local partnerships, long-term agreements, internalizing some outsourced supply, and automation.

[Read More](#)



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!](#)



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» UPCOMING EVENTS

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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.



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](#)

Stuck in Risk-Aversion Mode?

The urge to hunker down may have been a natural reaction with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, but it is not a sustainable approach to stabilizing or growing your business. In this Quality Digest feature, Sue Via of TechSolve, part of Ohio MEP and the MEP National Network, shares how you can become more proactive in your management approach by starting a five-step lean journey.

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