

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



Lean Enterprise Certification Program

Beginning March 25 • Fargo ND

Lean Certification is an evolutionary journey where your knowledge and experience work together to create a depth of expertise upon which you can keep building. It weaves innovative ways of thinking and doing business with real-world applications and results. Lean Certification not only helps you attain the knowledge, it validates it. It is the only nationally recognized Lean Certification program; using standards developed and judged by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) in partnership with Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) and the Shingo Institute.

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

If you have questions, please contact:
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ISO9001 INTERNAL AUDITOR TRAINING

ISO9001:2015 Quality Management Systems
Can you smell what the auditor is cooking?

ISO9001 Internal Auditor Training

[April 22-23 • Fargo](#)
[May 6-7 • Grand Forks](#)

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.

[Click here for ISO9001 info & registration](#)

AS9100 INTERNAL AUDITOR TRAINING

AS9100D Quality Management Systems
To the findings . . . and beyond!

AS9100 Internal Auditor Training

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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.

[Click here for AS9100 info & registration](#)

INNOVATION STUDIO

NDSU | RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY PARK

Tuesday, March 17 • 2 PM

NDSU Research & Technology Park
1854 NDSU Research Circle North, Fargo

Attend this event to learn more about the **NDSU Innovation Studio** - a makerspace for students and local entrepreneurs.

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The Women of U.S. Manufacturing

In today's manufacturing world, women play a much larger role than they have in the past. Whether they are creative, analytical or process-oriented, there is a place in manufacturing for women. From leadership in the front office to machine operators on the shop floor, women of all ages are changing the stereotypes and face of manufacturing.

[Read More](#)

What is Manufacturing's Greatest Challenge?

What are manufacturers top challenges right now? The MEPNationalNetwork annually surveys thousands of its U.S. manufacturing clients to identify the top challenges companies will face over the next 3 years.

[Find out what they said!](#)

20 Cybersecurity Statistics Manufacturers Can't Ignore

Cybersecurity threats are a huge business risk for all companies. Small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs) — including manufacturers — are especially vulnerable to attacks. Small and medium-sized manufacturers (SMMs) are often seen as an easy entry point — a “soft” target — into larger businesses and government agencies. One of the first steps when prioritizing how to manage your business risk is to gather information about the threat environment. The 20 important (and shocking) cybersecurity statistics listed below focus on what manufacturers need to know about the “what” and “so what” of cybersecurity, so they can start planning their “now what” actions.

[Click here to read full story](#)



Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS
Please [click here](#) to register or for more information on the following events.

NDSU Innovation Studio Kickoff
March 17

Lean Enterprise Certification Program
Fargo - March 25

Internal Auditor Training

ISO9001:2015
Fargo - April 22-23
Grand Forks - May 6-7

AS9100D
Fargo - April 22-23
Grand Forks - May 6-7

Manufacturing Day
October 2

MANUFACTURING in Lehman's Terms



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Incentives 101: Automation Tax Credit Overview

Tis the season....tax season. A time to dig a little deeper into our pockets and pay Uncle Sam. Fortunately for some, this year's tax hit will be alleviated a bit due to the inclusion of the automation tax credit. Put into place during the 2019 legislative session (following a one-year hiatus), this credit is meant to help companies automate their factory processes to alleviate the ongoing challenges resulting from the labor-constrained world our manufacturers are operating in today.

[Click here to read full story!](#)

Making an Impact Since 2001 ...

Client Results*

» **\$357** MILLION IN NEW AND RETAINED SALES

» **\$109** MILLION IN COST SAVINGS

» **\$204** MILLION IN NEW INVESTMENTS

» **3,605** 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.

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