

Lean Enterprise Certification Program for High Performance Manufacturing

Virtual Classroom - Beginning October 27th

The next session of the Lean Enterprise Certification Program for High Performance Manufacturing (LECP-HPM) is scheduled to start October 27th. **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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Leadership Webinar Series

Virtual Classroom - Various Dates

Inspire. Motivate. Influence. Build top-performing teams. Find competitive advantage. Execute strategy. Lead change. Foster innovation. Impact Dakota's leadership webinar series is designed to help you build the confidence, skills and presence you need to learn and discuss concepts and practices that will allow them to apply them immediately at work. This online course will inspire and empower your leaders to create a framework of effective and sustainable leadership practices.

[Click here to learn more!](#)

If you have questions, please contact:
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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](#)

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](#)

Don't Believe the Myths About AI in Manufacturing

Overwhelmed by the prospect of implementing AI on your production floor? It's not expensive. You do not need a team of experts. If you value uptime and overall equipment efficiency (OEE), you may be ready for AI. Read more about how this accessible technology can realize rapid ROI and differentiate your company from the competition in the process with this article from an MEP National Network™ AI expert published in *IndustryWeek*.

[Learn About AI](#)

Suspicious Minds: Non-Technical Signs Your Business Might Have Been Hacked

When it comes to cybersecurity, learning that observing your environment is an important part of staying safe. Even if your employees have no technical understanding of information technology, they can help identify signs that your business may have been hacked.

Small and medium-sized manufacturers (SMMs) are prime targets for cyber-attacks, according to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, because many do not have adequate preventive measures in place. Manufacturing is the second most targeted industry. According to Accenture, only 14 percent of small businesses are prepared to defend themselves against cyber threats.

[Know the Signs](#)

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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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.



Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

VIRTUAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

LECP-HPM
Beginning October 27

Leadership I
November 10 or November 12

Leadership II
November 16 or November 17

Communication I
December 8 or December 10

Communication II
December 15 or December 17

PCQI for Human Food
January 12-14

ISO9001:2015
January 20-21

AS9100D
January 20-21

Visit [IMPACT DAKOTA EVENTS](#) for information!



Supply Chain Scouting System

Impact Dakota is partnering with NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership (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.

[Scouting](#)

How Manufacturers Can Prepare for Growth Amid Uncertainty

Whether you are fighting to stay open or trying to keep up with a surge in new orders, proactive manufacturers have opportunities despite economic conditions. Thriving in these uncertain times requires a strategic roadmap that is flexible and referred to often, allowing you to adapt to whatever circumstances come your way and rapidly take advantage of opportunities. Learn how to apply this dynamic thinking to your business and chart a path to growth.

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