

## Lean Enterprise High Performance Manufacturing Training - Virtual

*Beginning November 9, 2021*

Impact Dakota is in the process of recruiting and firming up dates for the Lean Enterprise High Performance Manufacturing (LEHPM) training.

The Impact Dakota LEHPM training helps businesses achieve higher profitability by building internal capability and capacity to improve QUALITY, COST, and DELIVERY. This training is based on the Lean Enterprise Certification (LECP) body of knowledge and uses standards developed and judged by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) in partnership with Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) and the Shingo Institute.

The [Flyer](#) provides additional information about the LEHPM training program. The [Commitment Form](#) provides additional information about pricing, registration, training schedule and topics.

For questions, please contact the training instructor Reza Maleki at [rezam@impactdakota.com](mailto:rezam@impactdakota.com) or 701-367-8664.

## MFG Virtual Meeting: Available Trade Services

November 18, 2021 • 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. (CST)



Presented by GNDC, this session will look at how to utilize the North Dakota Trade Environment. Hear from local experts on how to utilize resources available in North Dakota to open new markets outside our borders.

[Click here for Info and Registration](#)

## — OCTOBER IS CYBERSECURITY MONTH —

### Small-Business Cybersecurity is Twice as Nice as Pumpkin Spice

I think we've taken this pumpkin spice thing too far. Don't get me wrong, I love fall. That first crisp evening when you need to put on a sweater, the crunch of leaves under your feet, homecoming football games, but pumpkin spice? It's obvious that the pumpkin spice council's marketing team has done an outstanding job because it's in everything now: cookies, chocolate candy, ice cream, oatmeal, pancakes, marshmallows, and now even in a special "limited edition" of my favorite breakfast cereal.

Enough! I'm calling a timeout on pumpkin spice.

Maybe I find pumpkin spice season distasteful because it has eclipsed a less well known but much more important annual October event: [National Cybersecurity Awareness Month](#).

[Cybersecurity in a Small Business](#)

### Cybersecurity Tips and Tactics

Cybersecurity risk management is an important factor to ensure the safe and reliable delivery of the goods supported by operational technology. Help protect your control systems with these tips and tactics.

[Protect Your Control System](#)



Train employees immediately when hired and at least annually thereafter about your information security policies and what they will be expected to do to protect your business's information and technology. Continually reinforce the training in everyday conversations or meetings.

## MANUFACTURING *in Lehman's Terms*

### What is an Apprenticeship?

According to Merriam-Webster, apprenticeship is an arrangement in which someone learns an art, trade, or job under another. Registered apprenticeship programs are approved by the U.S. Department of Labor. With this approval in place, the apprentice will obtain workplace-relevant knowledge and a nationally recognized certificate upon completion.

An apprenticeship is a system for training a new generation of practitioners of a trade or profession with on-the-job training and often some accompanying a course of study. Apprenticeships can also enable practitioners to gain a license to practice in a regulated occupation. The on-the-job training provides an affordable pathway to in-demand careers and essentially "fast-tracks" a career path. High-demand jobs continue to shift and advance as our economy evolves, and apprenticeship provides an excellent opportunity to grow your own talent in a rapidly changing environment.



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[Learn more about Apprenticeships](#)

### 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.

[Manufacturing Health Assistance](#)

### 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 learn more about the system, or [CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE CURRENT LIST OF NEEDS!](#)

[Learn About Supplier Scouting](#)



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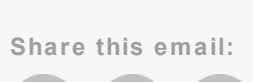


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