Lean Leadership Learning Series

In-Depth Education on Vital Lean Leadership Topics

Developing a Lean Culture of Continuous Improvement is dependent on effective Lean Leadership. The tools, techniques, and implementation processes all are critical components of a Lean journey, but without Lean leadership at all levels within an organization, the Lean strategy and culture will not “stick.” History shows this is not a theoretical statement. Mtech, a University of Maryland Institute, is partnering with McGladrey LLP to offer a series of Lean Leadership modules to address the critical need to develop Lean leaders. Each module will consist of 3 monthly half-day sessions (See below for more information on the format and timing). This program is a new offering within Mtech’s Lean Service category “Lean Culture Development.”

How is This Different than the Existing Mtech Lean Peer Group?

This new Leadership Learning Series will supplement the Peer Group by providing an in-depth education on specific Lean Leadership topics which are discussed during the Peer Group sessions. Because of time constraints, the Lean Peer Group sessions can only scratch the surface, and do not provide critical in-depth training. This Learning Series can function as an extension or supplement to the Lean Peer Group, or as stand-alone Lean Leadership education. In order to attend the new Lean Leadership Learning sessions, prior participation in the Lean Peer Group is not a requirement, but is encouraged.

How is This Different than Other Lean Courses?

During each session, time is allotted for discussion of workplace applications and how the topics support the establishment of a Lean culture. Therefore, participation and experience sharing will be much greater than a typical class or workshop, and the diversity of companies in attendance will enhance the learning by providing multiple perspectives. Since the program is led by an experienced Lean consultant who has worked with a broad range of companies and industries, additional experience will be shared and the learning will remain focused on how the topics will help the attendees become effective Lean leaders.

Who Should Participate?

Whether your company is a mature Lean organization, or you are just beginning your journey, this educational opportunity should be considered for personnel at any leadership level. Typically, a Lean transformation requires a role adjustment from supervisors or managers to team or group leaders. This Learning series can help prepare these individuals to transition into their new roles and responsibilities. Or, if you are looking for training for future leaders, this unique training package will be invaluable.
What is the Session Format & Cost?

- 4 training modules per year, each with a different topic
- You can register for a single or multiple modules
- Each module – 2 hour introductory session, then 3 monthly half-day sessions
- Sessions are led by Dave Rizzardo, Mtech’s Lean Services Manager, but some attendees will have an opportunity to present short summaries of assigned chapters
- Location – University of Maryland, College Park, MD
- Cost is $750 per individual, including the primary reference book(s) which will be provided to each attendee
- At least 8 total registrants required for a module to be held, and limited to a maximum of 20

Module 1  (October - December)
Title: Lessons from Dr. Deming – Still Applicable Today!
Primary Reference Books: - THE DEMING MANAGEMENT METHOD
                          - DR. DEMING: The American Who Taught the Japanese About Quality

Module 2  (January - March)
Title: Resistance to Change – It’s Just Part of the Process!
Primary Reference Book: BEYOND THE WALL OF RESISTANCE: Why 70% of All Changes STILL Fail-and What You Can Do About It

Module 3  (April - June)
Title: How “Good” Companies Finish First – A Culture of Excellence!
Primary Reference Book: FIRMS of ENDEARMENT: How World-Class Companies PROFIT from Passion and Purpose

Module 4  (July - September)
Title: Leadership Lessons from Basketball & Politics – Lean Lessons Outside of the Factory!
Primary Reference Books: - LINCOLN ON LEADERSHIP: Executive Strategies for Tough Times
                          - WOODEN ON LEADERSHIP

Who are the Facilitator and Partner Organizations?

The Maryland Technology Enterprise Institute (Mtech) is an Institute within the University of Maryland. Dave Rizzardo, who will lead the sessions, drives the Lean/Continuous Improvement practice of Mtech’s Lean and Green Services, and has done so for the past 14 years. Dave has extensive Lean experience working with a broad range of organizations and applying Lean principles in a variety of processing environments. He leads engagements in both production and administrative value streams.

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Interested?

Call Dave Rizzardo at 410-916-3230 or send him an email at daver@umd.edu and indicate which modules you are interested in. Additional details and registration info will be provided.