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**RUBBERMAID CLOSET & ORGANIZATION PRODUCTS, NORDENIA, USA
EMPLOYEES COMPLETE SIX SIGMA BLACK BELT TRAINING**

Cape Girardeau, Missouri – May 9, 2005 – Eight Cape Girardeau area residents representing two companies have completed an intensive classroom and on-the-job Six Sigma Black Belt Training Program provided by Mineral Area College in cooperation with Missouri Enterprise Business Assistance Center..

Tom Sawyer, Rubbermaid, Inc., and Rajesh Suryanarayanan, Curtis Gunn, Lance Hughey, Michael Garnett, Kip Brockett, Tim Mouser and Frank Steinert, all of Nordenia USA, attended four weeks of classes and are finishing in-plant projects required to successfully complete the course.

Six Sigma is a systematic, scientific, fact based, data driven continuous improvement methodology that enables companies to evaluate and strengthen the way in which they meet their customers' expectations. Six Sigma helps a company create a corporate culture committed to eliminating waste and product variations.

Nordenia USA Inc. produces plastic packaging for disposable diapers, other personal hygiene products and plastic films and bags for other manufacturing uses.

Rubbermaid Closet and Organization Products is a leading manufacturer and marketer of wire and wood organizational products.

Mineral Area College provides business and technical training to area companies. Partial funding for this course was provided through the Missouri Customized Training Program, which is administered in this area through the college.

Missouri Enterprise is a not-for-profit corporation that provides business and technical assistance to help Missouri companies succeed. It manages the Manufacturing Extension Partnership in Missouri, an Advanced Manufacturing Specialist Training Program (funded by a U.S. Department of Labor grant) a value added agriculture program and one of the state's Innovation Centers.