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SEDALIA RESIDENT EARNS RECOGNITION

Sedalia, Missouri – April 14, 2008 – The American Society of Quality (ASQ) announced last week that Sedalia resident and Missouri Enterprise Project Manager Mark W. Kelchner has been named an ASQ-Certified Six Sigma Black Belt.

ASQ certification provides formal recognition of professionals who have demonstrated an understanding of, and a commitment to, quality techniques and practices in their jobs and careers. ASQ is generally recognized as the leading international quality science organization and is the premier certification body for Six Sigma practitioners.

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 improving processes and eliminating waste and product variations.

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) and one of the state's Innovation Centers.