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School Days, School Days!

Inaugural AMSTP Classes Begin



The AMSTP opened September 20 with the Lean Enterprise module.

This month, Missouri elementary and secondary students (and their parents) are focused on school supplies, school clothes and "reading, writing and arithmetic." This month, the first group of participants in the Advanced Manufacturing Specialist Training Program (AMSTP) is also back in the classroom, tackling Lean Enterprise, the first of three modules in the yearlong effort.

Some 25 participants, from throughout Missouri, began classes on September 20 at the Rolla headquarters of Missouri Enterprise. They will complete a total of 30 days of classroom instruction and approximately 45 days of in-plant projects. Those who successfully complete the training program will be certified as Advanced Manufacturing Specialists.

The second group of about 25-30 participants will begin their classroom work in about 2 weeks and, ultimately, some 250-300 students will be trained in Lean Enterprise, Six Sigma and Business Skills modules.

Russ Lindenlaub, president and CEO of Missouri Enterprise, welcomed the first group of participants, saying, "This Advanced Manufacturing Specialist Training Program is a partnership of industry, academia and government that offers you an exceptional opportunity to upgrade your critical skills, and benefit both yourselves and your companies."

The AMSTP is funded by a U.S. Department of Labor grant.

"We're finding that these partnerships are exactly the right way to ensure workers' success in 21st century jobs. That's precisely what this program is about and why we funded it," said U.S. Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training Emily DeRocco.

Since Missouri Enterprise is conducting the training program in conjunction with the University of Missouri - Rolla (UMR), Dr. Gary Thomas, UMR chancellor also welcomed the class.

He told participants how important manufacturing is to the state of Missouri and how UMR is significantly engaged in teaching and research for advanced manufacturing.

He also said that UMR plans to continue to partner with organizations like Missouri Enterprise in advanced manufacturing projects.

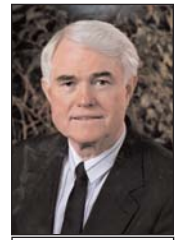
During the first day of class, the students were asked about their expectations for the course. Here are several responses.

"As I enter this program, I hope to gain knowledge and skills, through practical application of theory, to grow and improve my manufacturing business."

Clinton Lancaster
Midwest Trailer
Kansas City

"With what I learn from this course, I intend to eliminate inefficiencies in production and administration while providing quality products in an efficient manner to our customers."

Janis Weyrich
Global Products, Inc.
St. Peters



Dr. Gary Thomas

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Cape Girardeau

Columbia

Ft. Leonard
Wood

Kansas City

Kirksville

Park Hills

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Springfield

St. Louis

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"I enrolled in this course, hoping to increase my knowledge of modern manufacturing methods and practices, thus benefiting myself and my company to compete in today's marketplace."

Scott Perkins
Fasco Motors Group
Eldon

**A limited number of openings in the AMSTP remain.
For more information or to apply visit
www.missourienterprise.org
or call the Training Coordinator at
800-956-2682.**

AMSTP St. Louis Class Forming

Two St. Louis-based organizations, the Manufacturing Training Alliance and the local chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers are teaming up with Missouri Enterprise to conduct a class of the Advanced Manufacturing Specialist Training Program in St. Louis, according to Jacob Johnson, president and chief executive officer of the Alliance.

"This is a natural fit," says Johnson, "since our organization already provides a variety of entry level training for manufacturing jobs."

Plans call for the program to begin in January 2005 and be held at the Alliance's Manufacturing Education and Training Center in St. Louis.

Anyone interested in participating in the St. Louis class should contact Johnson at 314-746-0718.

New On The Web....

The **2004 Excellence in Missouri Conference** has been scheduled for November 17-19 at the Lake of the Ozark's Tan-Tar-A Resort. The conference is designed to provide participants with ideas, tools and approaches to help their organizations on their quality journey.

The **Missouri Enterprise Innovation Center** has published its 2004 fiscal year annual report. During the year, Center clients achieved Bottom Line Economic Impact of nearly \$6 million and a return on investment to the state of Missouri of more than \$21 for every dollar spent.

A final report on the **2004 Boeing Missouri Supplier Training Program** has also shown strong results, including a client reported Bottom Line Impact of more than \$3.1 million and a return on investment of state funding of more than \$31 for every dollar spent.

For more complete information on these programs, look at "What's New" on the Missouri Enterprise Web Site at www.missourienterprise.org.

Future Plans For The AMSTP

Even though the first class in the AMSTP has just begun, plans are already being made for future efforts. Missouri Enterprise, says Senior Vice President Ron Randen, intends to continue the program and expand it beyond the scope of the current curriculum.

In the future, there will be a more advanced program, including higher levels of manufacturing technology, like industrial automation, robotics, RFID and engineering and manufacturing E-courseware and an entry level curriculum as well.

In addition, Missouri Enterprise is continuing to establish partnerships with more universities and community colleges throughout the state to provide the training and then to foster application implementations with Missouri companies.

New Projects

Company	Location	Project
Fisherman's Famous	St. James	Product Design/Marketing
Prier Products	Grandview	Product Realization Assistance
Taylor Cable Products	Grandview	ISO 9001:2000 Assistance
Sumrall Machine & Tool Company	Kennett	ISO 9001:2000 Assistance
Prime Tanning	St. Joseph	Six Sigma Projects
Rubbermaid	Jackson	Lean Manufacturing

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