

## CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT (LEAN) SOLUTIONS

## PLANT MANAGER

## NETWORK

Develop a peer network and sounding board to discuss new ideas, techniques and improvement opportunities in areas such as:

- Continuous improvement methods
- Quality systems requirements
- Leadership & team building
- Best practices
- Technology

Participants engage in open discussions, tours, and host presentations on topics including but not limited to:

- Lean, Six-Sigma and other continuous improvement methods
- Technology & mistake proofing
- Systems approach to management – performance metrics
- Implementing strategy & tactical planning
- Policy development
- Human resources management & legal issues
- Supply chain management
- Quality systems requirements
- Leadership & team building
- Shingo Award requirements
- Other topics as requested by group members; periodically guest speakers will be used to cover new and critical topics.



## OBJECTIVES

Each company will learn and share techniques from tours of “Best Practice” and member companies; develop a peer network and sounding board to discuss new ideas, techniques, and current improvement opportunities; and explore new technologies and approaches to current plant management issues.

## TARGETED PARTICIPANTS

- Plant Managers
- Quality Managers
- Operations Managers and Directors

## COMPANY REQUIREMENTS

- Companies and their members shall be committed to sharing successes and areas of improvement.
- Each company must be willing to host meetings including plant tours. The group will agree on a schedule at the beginning of the season with some flexibility for unexpected situations.
- Regular attendance is encouraged by at least one company representative to obtain full value of user group participation.

At the first meeting includes an understanding of the MMTc organization and its NIST survey.

## CURRICULUM

Number of sessions: 10

Length of sessions: 2 hours plus time for plant tour

Frequency of sessions: typically occur the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month.

Location: Member company facilities and/or available tour companies

Cost allows up to 3 participants from 1 company

