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Lean Panel Discussion

April 25, 2:00 PM; Farris Auditorium

Southwest Tennessee Community College

Lean is a topic on the minds of practically everyone in manufacturing and distribution. The panel includes several experts in the field and should prove worthwhile to all attendees. The panel moderator will be Robert Trainor. Panel members include Charlie Voss, Gene Baker, Tony Wallace, and John Moore. They bring to the table considerable experience and expertise in Lean methods.

Robert P. (Bob) Trainor has over thirty years of industry experience in manufacturing, warehousing, and distribution. During that time, handled assignments involving industrial engineering, manufacturing Engineering, manufacturing management, productivity improvement, and business consulting. Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering from Clemson University and a Masters in Business Administration from Southern Illinois University. Bob is currently President of the local Chapter of Industrial Engineers.

Gene Baker, Director Operational Excellence, Smith & Nephew, brings an extensive and varied background to the Discussion. He introduced and conducted the first Kaizen at S&N and completed over 50 Kaizens in 2005. Additional experience includes multi-site Plant Manager, Danaher Corporation; Six Sigma Leader MBB, General Electric, Fort Wayne, IN; Plant Manager, GE, Morristown, TN; Operations Manager, GE, Burlington, IA; and Sourcing Business Leader, GE, Burlington, IA.

Charles (Charlie) Voss is the sole owner of the VOS LLC and has a background of 32 years in manufacturing and over 8 years in consulting. Charlie worked for Arvin Industries (now Arvin Meritor) for 32 years in various positions including spending 9 months with the Toyota Supplier Support Center to gain an understanding of TPS (Toyota Production System). Upon returning Charlie guided the development of Arvin's Total Quality Production System and the Arvin Technical Support System. Accompanying Charlie will be **Joseph (Joe) Voss**. Joe has a military background and is currently working on his Bachelors Degree in Business Management at the University of Phoenix. Joe brings a world of experience and discipline that compliments our approach.

Tony Wallace is with TBDN, a joint venture company between Denso Corp and Toyota Bshoku. TBDN produces fuel filters, air filters, air induction systems, intake manifolds, and cabin air filters. Tony has served on continuous problem solving teams for 13 years. He has facilitated four winning teams in problem solving competitions for the Honda Conference, NAQCC Quality Conference, and ASQ Quality Conference. He won the Benchmark Presentation at the NAQCC and sent winning team to Japan to compete in the World Competition.

Tony has worked in the Kaizen Department for six years. He has organized the inspection standards for the QA filter area, implemented a FIFO Pulley System for the fuel filter area and is responsible for training new associates on Quality and Guiding Philosophies for TBDN.

John Moore is a project manager with the Industrial Outreach Service at MSU. He works with Mississippi manufacturers and related groups to improve profitability and competitiveness of Mississippi Industry.

John came to MSU-IOS after 27 years in the automotive industry first with GM and later with Delphi. At Delphi he was responsible for Lean Manufacturing implementation for 14 plants in the Southeastern US.

He received his B.S. degree in industrial engineering from Mississippi University and his M.S. in manufacturing management from Kettering University (formerly GME). John is a certified Six Sigma green belt.

Admission to the Lean Panel Discussion is \$20
at the door, \$15 with RSVP.

RSVP's should be directed to Lorelei Hudspeth, Chapter Chair, phone 901-
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Refreshments will be served!

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