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**The 4th Annual Northeast Shingo Prize Conference:
"Creating A Community of Lean from Maryland to Maine"**

With less than eight weeks to go, the 2008 Northeast Region Shingo Prize Conference is fast approaching. This year's event is being held at the University of Massachusetts in Boston on October 15th and 16th. It is a unique learning and networking experience and more than 250 manufacturing and other industry professionals are expected to attend to take advantage of everything that is planned.

Any professional interested in Lean Manufacturing and the Toyota Production System, best practices, eliminating waste from processes, staying competitive in our global economy, challenging for the Shingo Prize and keeping businesses and jobs in the Northeast & Mid-Atlantic United States are encouraged to attend. In addition to the great line up of speakers to hear from, we have a diverse group of participants for you to talk to one-on-one, face-to-face in our Community of Lean Lounge. The companies participating range from medical device to defense, OEM's to job shops: Abiomed, Siemens Medical Solutions, Vibco, Z Corp, Karl Storz Endovision, AccuRounds, MKS Instruments, CBM Industries, Brookfield Engineering and Senior Aerospace Metal Bellows.

This year's conference also includes Virtual Plant Tours of Raytheon IADC and Abiomed and three interactive panel discussions from Hologic, Callaway Golf Ball Operations and Jotul North America, plus a Boston Harbor sunset cruise and an awards presentation banquet. This year, Raytheon, Extrusion Technology and Callaway Golf Ball Operations will be recognized for their achievements in operational excellence in 2007 with Shingo Medallions. For much more information, check out our conference website at www.neshingoprize.org.

Our main conference features three stellar keynotes by four Lean experts: Jerry Bussell of Medtronic discusses "Community Wide Lean"; Joel Ellis of the Missile Defense Agency, Sensors and Ken Veducchio of Raytheon will address "Using Lean for Mission Assurance" and Tom Hartman of Autoliv will share the story of "Yokoten at Autoliv".

Conference sponsors include TANDBERG, Fuss & O'Neill, The 5S Store, The Gem Group and GBMP. John Paul Williams of TANDBERG will present "Supply Chain CI: Hold Virtual Kaizen Meetings Using Video" and John Kravontka of Fuss and O'Neill will discuss TPM (Total Productive Maintenance) during break out sessions. Other workshop session topics include: "Implementing Lean to Green on the Plant Floor", "Lean Accounting", "Taking Lean Out to Your Supply Base", "Process Centric Leadership: The missing key to Lean" and "Sales and Operations Planning at New Balance: A Lean Tool for the Office", plus much, much more.

Whether you are already deep into your lean journey and want to benchmark your lean efforts and results, or are just starting out and want to learn what all the buzz is about, plan on joining us at UMass Boston this October! (Mention you heard about the conference in Manufacturer's Mart and receive 10% off the price of admission.)