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Area Manufacturing Employees LEAN Certified

York, Pa. -- April 7, 2006 MATNEC, Inc. graduated twelve men from eleven manufacturing companies on Thursday, March 23, 2006 at the Yorktowne Hotel for completing the LEAN Manufacturing Certificate Program-Level 1. Also in attendance were U.S. Congressman Todd R. Platts (PA-19) who congratulated MANTEC and the graduates, and Melissa Kelly-McCabe of Clear Intent Strategy in Naples, New York, as the keynote speaker.

“In today’s global economy, American manufacturers must continuously and strategically strengthen their operations in order to remain competitive,” said Congressman Todd Platts (PA-19). “I commend these graduates and MANTEC, Inc. for taking steps to ensure that South Central Pennsylvania’s manufacturers are poised to compete with anyone in the world.”

The LEAN Manufacturing Certification Program-Level 1 consists of eight workshops and LEAN working groups and activities. It is planned to prepare manufacturing personnel to successfully implement the basic tools of the Lean Enterprise. William A. Schreiber, Vice President, and Mark Robertson, LEAN Development Manager are coordinators for the program.

“The MANTEC LEAN Certification Program was excellent,” remarked Joseph Schmadel, Manager, New Holland Concrete. “It not only encompassed the LEAN tools and concepts that are necessary in today’s marketplace, but it combined them with real life applications and hands-on projects throughout the program. The learning was enhanced by the interaction with my fellow attendees that represented numerous companies from across our region. The skills learned through the MANTEC LEAN Certification Program will definitely be an asset to our organization into the future.”

The graduates included:

Greg Petersheim, Paradise Custom Kitchens, Inc.
Chad Enck, Fenner Drives
Joseph Schmadel, New Holland Concrete
Mark Leach, Advanced Interconnections Corporation
Troy Billet, Billet Industries, Inc.
Dave Swope, Jr., ESAB Welding & Cutting Products
Tony Liuzzo, J. Walter Miller Co.

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Matt Zeamer, Fenner Drives
Dale Miller, J. F. Rohrbaugh
Ron Deegan, Littlestown Foundry
John Stonesifer, Littlestown Foundry
Bill Ryan, Pennex Aluminum

MANTEC, Inc. is one of seven Industrial Resource Centers located throughout Pennsylvania, and supported through the Department of Community and Economic Development. In addition, MANTEC is an affiliate of the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards & Technology (**NIST**) Manufacturing Extension Partnership (**MEP**). Visit our website at <http://www.mantec.org> or call 717-843-5054.

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LEAN Certificate Program-Level 1

Cost of Program: \$2750/person (includes materials and meals)

Course Schedule:

- Managing Change and Improving Communications, 8/23/2006
- Conflict Management: Problem Solving & Team Building, 8/30/2006
- LE101 Principles of LEAN Manufacturing, 9/14/2006
- LEAN Showcase Tour #1, 9/28/2006
- LE202 Value Stream Mapping, 10/12/2006
- 5S Workplace Order & Standardization, 11/15/2006
- 2-day Kaizen Event, 12/13 & 12/14/2006
- How To Be A Change Agent, 11/20/2006
- LEAN Showcase Tour #2, 01/18/2007
- 2-Day Kaizen Event, 2/1/& 2/2/2007
- LE205 Cellular Manufacturing, 2/15/2007
- 3 LEAN Roundtables/Working Groups, Dates To Be Announced

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