

SETTING GOALS AND REWARDING SUCCESS

The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is dedicated to guiding our members toward enterprise excellence and recognizing the incredible achievements that occur along their Lean journeys.

Communities of Practice

The Benchmarking Community of Practice (CoP), co-sponsored by AME and APQC, is an international group of practitioners from global corporations, universities, consulting practices and companies of all sizes. The CoP shares best practices, conducts surveys, and hosts an hour-long biweekly webinar that features a corporate presentation of best practices around one significant aspect of their business. The CoP also offers face-to-face meetings so our diverse community can exchange knowledge and ideas regarding enterprise excellence and Lean manufacturing techniques.



Additional CoPs including Lean and Green, Lean Accounting, and Training Within Industry (TWI) are in development.

Lean Certification

AME offers the only nationally recognized Lean Certification program that establishes benchmarks and achievements. AME developed the national standard of Lean Certification through partnership with the Shingo Prize for Operational Excellence and the Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME). The American Society for Quality (ASQ) recently joined the partnership which allows all four organizations to align to a universally recognized, single Lean Certification standard. Members who pursue Certification learn new skills and become valuable partners to their companies by completing Lean-focused curriculum, undergoing a successful examination, and creating a portfolio.

AME Mac McCulloch Lifetime Achievement Award

The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented annually to an AME member who has made significant contributions to improving the products and services offered by the Association to advance enterprise excellence in the manufacturing community.

AME Manufacturing Excellence Award

The AME Manufacturing Excellence Award recognizes North American manufacturing plants (or sites) that have demonstrated excellence in their operations. The primary focus of the award is to acknowledge continuous improvement, best practices, creativity, and innovation. One or more winners from across North America are chosen each year. Winners are asked to share their successes so other members can learn from them. The achievements are also featured in *Target* magazine to showcase how they pioneer their improvement techniques.

