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**AME Unveils Workshops and Tour Details
for 2013 Atlanta Lean Summit**

ROLLING MEADOWS, ILL.—AUG. 13, 2013— The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is proud to announce the details of the workshops and off-site plant tours being offered at the 2013 Atlanta Lean Summit, Aug. 26-29. These educational experiences provide an opportunity to learn from professionals whose expertise demonstrates the various benefits of lean.

“The workshops are one of the best benefits of attending the summit,” said Larry Fast, event team leader. “Both the workshops and off-site tours facilitate dedicated learning experiences in unfamiliar territory that’s bound to expand the knowledge base of attendees in challenging and surprising ways.”

Experts from all corners of the industry will come together to lead and teach six workshops covering everything from the basics to the most important aspects of lean: culture and people.

Toyota Kata: Improving and Coaching Your Way to Success

Presented by Bill Kraus, Brandon Brown and Hank Czarnecki

An eight-hour, hands-on workshop that addresses the question, “How can we lead our companies so that they will survive and thrive in the long term?”

Leading the Lean Revolution/HoshinKanri: Creating the Path for Success

Presented by Robert B. Camp and Larry E. Fast

Learn how to create a sustainable Lean transformation through a discussion of how HoshinKanri is conducted, providing the tools to help leaders oversee their organization through the process.

Just-in-time (JIT) Complex Multi-tiered Supply Chain Flow: Streamlining Materials Flow from Upper Tier Suppliers First-in, First-out, to Customer Points-of-use (POU)

Presented by Jim Price

Toyota’s lean manufacturing and just-in-time logistics take the spotlight during this presentation, highlighting strategies that will effectively streamline every part of the supply chain flow, from production to points-of-use.

**People Powered Lean: Building a Dream Team to Accelerate Your Lean Journey
Heartbeat Leaders First**

Presented by Joe Barto

Learn how to build and nurture a dream team culture that will lead your company to success in today's highly competitive business environment.

Accounting in a Lean Environment Workshop

Presented by Dr. Dewayne Searcy

A focused look at how to accelerate changes in your accounting systems that will help streamline the overall transformation into a lean enterprise.

Lean and Safe: Safety-Integrated Process Improvement

Presented by Damon Nix, Tom Sammon and Paul Todd

Learn how to produce positive safety and health outcomes in lean-thinking organizations by integrating safety and health problem solving into the continuous improvement process.

Off-site facility tours at exciting locations around the Atlanta area will further strengthen the lessons learned at the summit. Each offers a unique opportunity to visit businesses that have accelerated their success through the effective and extensive use of lean strategies. Observe efficiency in action and leadership in effect at nine different off-site tours, including Power Partners, Acuity Brands, Sunny Delight Beverages, Printpack, Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia, Milliken & Company, Philips Respironics and The Clorox Company.

For a full schedule of events and registration information, please visit AME.org/Atlanta. Discounted summit registration is available for AME members, attendees from tour host companies, members of the Georgia Tech Consortium and companies with five or more attendees. Group hotel rates are only available through Aug. 19 when referencing the **AMESoutheast Room Block**. Reservations can be made [online](#) or by calling 800-468-3571.

About the Association for Manufacturing Excellence

The Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME) is the premier not-for-profit organization dedicated to the journey of continuous improvement and enterprise excellence. AME's membership is composed of a trusted network of volunteers who are committed to leveraging the practitioner-to-practitioner and company-to-company shared-learning experience. Through engaging workshops, seminars and plant tours, and industry-leading conferences, AME members are continually discovering and implementing new continuous improvement strategies and best practices. AME offers its members a multitude of valuable resources to help them stay abreast of current industry developments, and improve the skills, competitiveness, and overall success of their organizations. Join AME in leading the "Growing Manufacturing in North America" movement. For more information, visit www.ame.org or email info@ame.org.

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