

# Learn How to Measure Up for Success



**P**lan to join us for AME's "Measure Up for Success – Success in Manufacturing Begins at Home" regional conference coming up June 12-15 in Kitchener-Waterloo, ON. "This sobering conference about getting your house in order is right for the times. Its theme speaks volumes, since conventional wisdom for this four-day conference in the manufacturing heartland in southwestern Ontario indicates that 40-70 percent of the waste in our companies is there because we live in it every day — and we just cannot see it.

"It is time to take a hard look at just how robust and capable your processes are right inside your building," emphasized Joe Fisher, conference co-chair, of Eaton Electrical. "I can think of no worse tragedy than landing an exciting international contract and finding that home processes are not scalable or good enough!"

"Whether competing against China or the world, success in manufacturing begins at home," said Dave Hogg, conference co-chair and

president of the HPM Consortium. He cited several reasons for attending this Canadian conference:

1. To accelerate the implementation of lean into any company – bring the entire team to hear the vision.
2. To network with 600 practitioners who aren't shy about sharing what works — and what doesn't. Last year's conference in Edmonton drew 596 people from 26 U.S. states, eight Canadian provinces, and five countries.
3. To select from 80 learning opportunities, plus an opportunity for leaders to calibrate their vision as they hear Jim Womack at the June 12 "Leader Dinner."
4. To understand why competition is now "infrastructure versus infrastructure" and we are all in this together. Attendees will see enterprise-wide lean applications in manufacturing, service, healthcare, construction, military, and more.
5. To see first hand what the new AME/SME/Shingo Prize lean certification program is all about.
6. To learn from others including the world's only lean masters program as well as from manufacturing consortia from Australia, the United States, and Canada.

Conference Program Chair Brian Bush asserted that the ten keynoters including LEI's Jim Womack "will inform and inspire you to do something!" The 80 learning opportunities include 36 practitioner-led best practice sessions, 14 workshops offered by leading providers, 14 plant tours including Toyota's Lexus facility, and additional experiences. A full companion's program will be available for those taking advantage of the culture and natural beauty of the Waterloo region.

For more information, check out the website [www.measureupforsuccess.com](http://www.measureupforsuccess.com). New information is being added daily.

*To gain knowledge, add some every day. To gain wisdom, get rid of something every day.*

Lao Tzu