



Lean Manufacturing Best Practice Tours

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"Witness first hand Manitoba companies demonstrating Lean Best Practices."

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The **Lean Manufacturing Best Practice Tours** provide an ideal opportunity for manufacturers and exporters in Manitoba to visit local companies and see what they have done to increase their productivity, quality and customer service.

Each tour starts with a brief presentation from the host company on their focused areas of improvement. Participants are encouraged to learn from our local experts by asking questions and making notes of key take-a-ways.

Seeing a best practice in action is inspirational; providing participants with ideas for improvement in their own workplace, while also moving a company to new heights. This program provides a learning experience for the attendees, but also provides value to the hosts, who receive on-the-spot feedback from a group of experience manufacturers.

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October 27, 2009 9:00 – 11:30 AM

Westfield Industries - For over 50 years, Westfield Industries have been designing and building the finest grain augers in the world. Westfield Industries have integrated Lean manufacturing into their daily operations and just completed an impressive transformation at their Rosenort facility. The newly configured plant incorporates Lean principles and a Kanban system throughout their operations.

The tour will highlight Kanban, Continuous Flow, & 5S.

www.grinaugers.com

Cost: \$35

November 24, 2009 9:00 – 11:30 AM

Boeing Canada – is the largest aerospace composite manufacturer in Canada. They design, develop and fabricate complex composite structures and sub-assemblies specializing in Wing to Body Fairings, Engine Strut Fairings, and Thrust Reverser Blocker Doors.

The tour will highlight Cellular Manufacturing, Paced Production Teams and Employee Involvement.

www.boeing.com

Cost: \$35

December 15, 2009 9:00 – 11:30 AM

Westeel – Is one of North America's foremost manufacturers of steel grain storage products, offering a wide range of on-farm and commercial applications as well.

The tour will focus on Westeel's new Corporate and Lean Vision & Strategy, Plant Redesign & Layout, and Lean Projects.

www.westeel.com

Cost: \$35

January 26, 2010 9:00 – 11:30 AM

Kitchen Craft of Canada - Kitchen Craft was founded more than 30 years ago in Winnipeg and is now sold in hundreds of stores in Canada and the U.S. Kitchen Craft manufactures cabinetry for the kitchen, bathroom, home office, laundry and throughout the home.

Tour will focus on specific TPM projects, first pass yield, and on the companies Continuous Improvement plant.

www.kitchencraft.com

Cost: \$35

February 23, 2010 9:00 – 11:30 AM

Melet Plastics – Leaders in engineering plastic solutions; manufacturing a variety of custom and proprietary plastic products.

The tour will focus on Custom Automation applications, Kaizen/Continuous Improvement and Lean Office.

www.meletplastics.com

Cost: \$35

March 30, 2010 9:00 – 11:30 AM

Carte International - Carte International Inc. manufactures liquid filled transformers for Electrical Utilities, Electrical Distributors, and large Industrial customers. Carte specializes in non-standard and custom transformers tailored to your exact needs. Carte is ISO 9001 registered and transformers are high quality with excellent workmanship.

The tour will focus on Kaizen, 5S to Drive Improvement and Company Wide Training.

www.carteinternational.com

Cost: \$35

April 27, 2010 9:00 – 11:30 AM

Motor Coach Industries – North America's leading manufacturer of intercity coaches serving charter and tour operators; line-haul and scheduled-service operators; transit agencies; and conversion companies.

Tour will highlight 'Kaizen Blitzes for Continuous Improvement' and 'Safety in a Lean Environment'.

www.motorcoach.com

Cost: \$35

May 25, 2010 9:00 – 11:30 AM

Royal Canadian Mint - The Mint is a for-profit Crown Corporation with a mandate to produce circulation and non-circulation coins (for Canada and other countries), manage the domestic coinage system, and provide advice to the Minister of Finance on all matters related to coinage. It also extends to the production and marketing of bullion and related refinery products and services for profit.

Tour will focus on 5S, Standardized Work and Corporate Strategy in a Crown Corporation.

www.mint.ca

Cost: \$35

June 29, 2010 9:00 – 11:30 AM

Friesens Corporation - What started as a small confectionery store has grown to become one of Canada's leading independent companies, specializing in book manufacturing and printing.

Tour will highlight "taking advantage of the electronic era" including OFI (opportunity for improvement) database and forming blitz's around trends, front end information flow from quotations through Prepress and utilization of teams to accomplish change.

www.friesens.com

Cost: \$35