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### **THE LEAN LEARNING CENTER SIGNS CONTRACT WITH CEILING SYSTEMS MANUFACTURER CHICAGO METALLIC CORPORATION**

**Novi, Mich.**, June 2, 2002 – The Lean Learning Center, a leading provider of lean curriculum to a variety of industries, has entered into agreement with Chicago Metallic Corporation -- a manufacturer of ceiling systems and specialty products -- to provide lean transformation services to the Chicago-based company through June 2003.

“I’m impressed by Lean Learning Center’s method of teaching systems thinking rather than teaching only the tools,” says Chicago Metallic Divisional Vice President and General Manager Charles H. Bub. “The entire company will benefit from learning and applying the Center’s leadership principles required to drive lean transformation.” Scope of lean transformation services provided to Chicago Metallic Corporation under the terms of the contract includes lean learning lines and training, leadership coaching and development and Kaizen workshops.

Chicago Metallic is an industry leader in roll forming suspension systems for acoustical ceilings and decorative metal ceiling products for commercial, institutional, and industrial building markets with manufacturing plants in Chicago, Illinois; Baltimore, Maryland; Los Angeles, California; and Matamoros, Mexico.

The Lean Learning Center was founded in early 2001 by manufacturing and consulting industry veterans Dennis Pawley, Andy Carlino and Jamie Flinchbaugh to address the gaps and barriers that are holding back companies from successful lean transformation. In addition to the advanced curriculum, the Center has developed a learning environment designed specifically for adult learning, utilizing techniques that include discovery simulations, case studies, personal planning and journaling. Just over a year old, the Center boasts over 400 alumni with 60 percent of its business coming from repeat customers. For more information, visit [www.leanlearningcenter.com](http://www.leanlearningcenter.com).

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