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## **LEAN LEARNING CENTER JOINS FORCES WITH ACHIEVEMENT DYNAMICS**

Joint capabilities provide full complement of lean transformation services

**Novi, Mich.**, November 4, 2002 – The Lean Learning Center, a leading provider of lean curriculum to a variety of industries; and Achievement Dynamics (Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.), a nationally-recognized lean principles and practices consulting firm; have announced a corporate alliance between the two companies, providing a seamless array of lean services to existing and potential customers.

“Our goal is to make the transformation to lean as smooth as possible for our clients,” says Achievement Dynamics President Andy Carlino. “Where Achievement Dynamics goes on-site to analyze and train . . . the Lean Learning Center provides a specialized environment tailored to develop lean thinkers and leaders. So, whether clients start the journey to lean via either company, together we provide all the tools they need to transition comfortably.”

Lean Learning Center partner Jamie Flinchbaugh states, “Together, our primary objective is to ensure that customers achieve and sustain their desired performance goals. Our joint philosophy is that continuous improvement requires the internalization of lean tools *and* lean rules. This means a company’s entire organizational culture has to be developed to meet these goals. The joint capabilities of our companies enable us to guide an organization through the entire lean journey.”

Achievement Dynamics was founded as a management consulting firm in 1991 by Andy Carlino. It is known for its expertise in the principles and practices of lean manufacturing, organizational development, process improvement, and human resource development. It is one of only 15 companies to offer Master Black Belt Certification in Six Sigma Methodology, a world-class performance initiative designed to reduce the number of product/service defects.

The Lean Learning Center was founded in early 2001 by manufacturing and consulting industry veterans Dennis Pawley, retired executive vice president of Manufacturing for DaimlerChrysler; 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.

Industries served by the companies include manufacturing, healthcare, public utilities, retail, aerospace, communications, technology, investment equity, service and more.

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