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## **LEAN LEARNING CENTER ANNOUNCES NEW INTEGRATED LEAN ASSESSMENT™ OFFERING**

**Novi, Mich., Dec. 7, 2004** – The Lean Learning Center announces that it has added *Integrated Lean Assessment™* to its growing list of product offerings. Targeted primarily at manufacturing companies, Integrated Lean Assessment includes an onsite assessment visit by a Lean Learning representative as well as the methodology necessary for companies to develop their own assessment tools.

Typically the initial visit by the Lean Learning Center is two days. During this time, representatives study how work is performed and how products are produced. A scoring system is used to judge performance and feedback is rendered in thirteen different categories ranging from Product/Material Flow to Enterprise Integration. Using this qualitative information coupled with quantitative assessment, the Lean Learning Center provides a comprehensive report that begins with an overview of the assessment process, followed by a suggested plan on how to move forward with lean implementation. The final sections of the report incorporate highly detailed scoring results and related feedback.

“From the assessment, we provide a suggested plan of lean implementation that not only says where there needs to be improvement, but identifies the tools – such as Lean Learning Laboratories, 5S, Kaizens, etc. -- needed to make the change,” said Lean Learning Center partner Jamie Flinchbaugh. “Whatever the recommendation may be, it is designed

to help manufacturing companies empower employees with the lean principles they need to help them achieve their desired performance goals.”

“There is incredible value in having an objective outside resource like the Lean Learning Center examine your processes,” said Tim Corcoran, Vice President, Sales & Service Organization, North American Operations, ZF Industries, Inc. “And, we found their recommendations through the Integrated Lean Assessment to be pretty much dead-on, helping us prioritize the areas where we have the most opportunity for improvement and providing a plan for us to follow over the next few years.”

The Lean Learning Center was founded in 2001 to address the gaps and barriers that are holding back companies from successful lean transformation. In combination with corporate partner Achievement Dynamics, the companies provide a full complement of lean transformation services. Industries served include manufacturing, healthcare, public utilities, retail, aerospace, communications, technology, investment equity, service and more. To request a curriculum brochure or for more information, call 248-478-1480 or visit [www.leanlearningcenter.com](http://www.leanlearningcenter.com)

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