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Lean Learning Center Announces New *Leading Lean* Course

Three-day event teaches skill-sets needed to become a successful leader of lean

Novi, Mich., September 8, 2006 – The Lean Learning Center, a leading provider of lean curriculum and consulting to a variety of industries, has announced its new three-day *Leading Lean* course, being offered Dec. 6 – 8, 2006. *Leading Lean* is an intensive program to help teach leadership skills, principles, and roles as well as the unique challenges encountered in taking a company through its lean transformation journey.

“The most common failure mode of lean transformation is ineffective leadership,” said Lean Learning Center partner Andy Carlino. “We have field-tested this program with experienced lean change agents, who have commented, ‘This is the right content’.”

“Leadership is an act, not a job,” added partner Jamie Flinchbaugh. “Anyone with the right skills can act as a leader, helping their team, department or company move towards the ideal state.”

Leading Lean begins by establishing a leadership framework that serves as the foundation of the course and focuses on teaching how to achieve the following:

- Gain commitment to lean from a wide variety of audiences
- Develop strategies to build momentum and support for the lean journey
- Structure successful coaching relationships and conversations
- Get back on track when lean commitments are broken
- Develop an action plan for changes you want to occur within your lean development journey

To register for the Leading Lean course or to find out more, visit http://www.leanlearningcenter.com/education_services/curriculum_leading_lean.cfm or call 248-278-1480.

In conjunction with its corporate partner Achievement Dynamics, a provider of management consulting, the Lean Learning Center provides a full complement of lean transformation services and products including customized instructional design capability. Partners Jamie Flinchbaugh and Andy Carlino have recently authored a book titled *The Hitchhiker's Guide to Lean*, published by the SME. Industries served include manufacturing, healthcare, public utilities, retail, aerospace, communications, technology, investment equity, service and more. For more information visit www.leanlearningcenter.com.

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