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Learn to work efficiently at OU workshop

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The transformation to lean systems helps organizations compete in domestic and global markets. Today, businesses must be flexible, responsive and cost effective when providing goods or services, yet still maintain the expected high levels of quality.

"Too many businesses have some of the tools of lean, but they lack the training and mindset necessary to use those tools effectively," said Dennis Pawley, founder of the Pawley Institute for Lean Learning. "Without adopting the lean philosophy and a (lean) way of thinking as a total system, the tools become outdated and useless very quickly."

Because of its common-sense approach and creativity, the workshop is geared towards all companies and all employees, including business owners, executives, front line supervisors and managers. Participants also will tour a manufacturing facility that has transformed to lean.

Regular registration is \$495. OU faculty and staff receive a discounted rate of \$295. The workshop fee includes all materials, two lunches and continental breakfasts. Interested participants should **register** early, as space is limited.

To register, visit the **Pawley Institute** Web site, click on "Program," then "Workshop/Training."

For more information, call (248) 370-2685 or e-mail yamada@oakland.edu.

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