Event: Lean Assessments  
Speaker: Debra Levantrosser  
Date: March 6, 2015  
Location: University of Michigan IOE Building in Ann Arbor, MI

We want to thank U of M for their generosity for sponsoring this fantastic event!

The Michigan Lean Consortium (MLC) partnered with the University of Michigan for an event called “Lean Assessments” with Debra Levantrosser on March 6, 2015.

Participants learned how to perform a lean assessment. A lean assessment is typically explained as a small group of people spending 2-5 days with an organization to assess their lean status, lean assessments come in many varieties. Participants learned how to conduct one, how to lead one and how to host one. Roles and responsibilities of the leader, the team and the host were reviewed.

Approximately 36 people attended this event in Ann Arbor.

Speaker Bio:

Debra Levantrosser is the founder and lead adviser of Arbed Solutions, a company dedicated to helping and teaching businesses to make positive, Lean changes to their work. She is the hostess of The Leaning Edge radio show on
www.themichiganbusinessnetwork.com and is also co-founder and board member of the Michigan Lean Consortium, an organization utilizing Lean principles statewide to help rebuild the state’s economy. She has over 20 years of executive business experience in companies of all sizes leading strategic and tactical problem-solving efforts using a continuous improvement mindset. Industries in which she has worked include automotive, health care, food service, consulting and her own companies which focused on product design. She is now focusing on implementing lean in the food truck business.

See photos from the event on Facebook.

The mission of the MLC is to offer a diverse network of knowledgeable lean professionals who come together to share innovative practices. The organization aims to create a lean culture in Michigan to ensure sustainable competitive advantage, which could translate into healthier businesses that offer more job opportunities leading to economic growth in the state.