



Event: Lean Manufacturing Benchmarking Event

Speaker(s): Dan Vermeesch

Date: April 13, 2011

Location: Micron Manufacturing in Grand Rapids, MI



The Michigan Lean Consortium (MLC) hosted a benchmarking event at Micron Manufacturing on April 13, 2011 in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The event included a welcome from the MLC by Debra Levantrosser Setman and Jason Schulist and then a presentation by Dan Vermeesch from Micron. Later in the day, Micron hosted several "tour stops" that shared their innovations in lean manufacturing. The first tour stop was on "the request for quote and new product launch systems", the second on "visual schedule boards in manufacturing" and the last on "the one page strategic plan and personal goals". Lastly, they held a time for feedback and Q&A.

"This Michigan shining star is an example of what all MI organizations should be: team structured, innovative, experimental, growing and strategic. It was an inspiring event and the Micron team seems like a family. Truly leading Michigan by example," said Debra Levantrosser Setman.

"Micron is a gem of excellence in Western Michigan. It is great to see how lean can be applied across all company sizes. Thank you, Micron for your passion and energy! A true example of culture change," said Jason Schulist.

[Check out photos from the event on Michigan Lean Consortium's Facebook page.](#)

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



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economic growth in the state.

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