

MANUFACTURING SERVICES

Lean Training Program - Excellence in Manufacturing Consortium (EMC)

Tel: 1-866-323-4362

Website: www.emccanada.org

The EMC and the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Trade (MEDT) have partnered to offer manufacturing businesses 50% off the costs of Lean training programs. For a limited time, reduced member fees have been extended to all Ontario manufacturers for this special initiative. The program is designed to inform key leaders from manufacturing companies across Ontario on how to increase competitiveness and efficiency through productivity skills training.

Manufacturers - EMC Purchasing Cooperative

Tel: 1-888-744-3546

Web: www.EMCPurchasing.coop

The EMC Purchasing Co-operative Ltd. was officially incorporated, and creates the first co-operative buying group specifically for Canadian Manufacturers, enabling industry to leverage their combined purchasing power and to receive better prices and terms on the common products they buy.

The EMC Purchasing Co-op is the brain child of Excellence in Manufacturing Consortium of Canada (EMC) President and General Manager of Al Diggins. EMC is a unique not-for-profit organization of manufacturers that has grown to become Canada's largest manufacturing consortium. Although the Co-op is an EMC initiative, it is separately incorporated and owned entirely by the participating member manufacturers.

In pursuing this co-operative model, EMC recognized a significant portion of the manufacturing purchases made are common with all manufacturers, with sector / plant specific purchases comprising the balance of the opportunities for companies to work together more strategically.

The Co-Op has assembled its founding members and has begun activities, which includes formation of strategic committees that focus on sector / product specific buying needs. This is a tremendous opportunity for manufacturers to strategically address their buying needs, while gaining competitive cost advantages.

Manufacturers interested in participating in this initiative should contact the Co-op Immediately, as applications for the inaugural membership group are being processed now.

Strategic Aerospace and Defense Initiative (SADI)

Tel: 1-877-290-2188

Website: http://ito.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/ito-oti.nsf/eng/h_00023.html

SADI's main objective is to promote research & development that will enhance Canada's global R&D and A&D competitiveness and to encourage collaboration between research institutes, universities, colleges and the private sector. Eligible applicants include Canadian aerospace and defense (A&D) industries that have an interest in conducting R&D activities, further creating employment opportunities for highly skilled and knowledgeable Canadians. Companies are encouraged to apply. The Industrial Technologies Office calculates repayable contributions for strategic R&D projects for each project (based on the minimum amount of assistance required). SADI project contributions will equal approximately 30% of a project's total eligible costs.