

MSI Announces *ImprovePlus*™ Lean and Six Sigma Consulting Services

Both Help Companies to Improve Profits by
Eliminating Waste and Achieving Process Consistency

San Diego, CA – March 30, 2005. Management Systems International LLC, an ISO consulting firm, has introduced new *ImprovePlus* Lean and Six Sigma consulting services to help companies streamline their operations, reduce costs and enhance customer retention.

Lean and Six Sigma are recognized approaches to fine-tune any company's operations. They represent leading edge thinking in continual improvement methodology. A data-driven, measurement-based set of tools, Lean and Six Sigma are designed to systematically reduce process variability and waste. Both can be equally applied to product or service processes.

The benefits of implementing Lean or Six Sigma methodologies are significant. Cost reduction by streamlining key business processes adds to bottom line profitability. Enhanced competitiveness and increased customer satisfaction make companies stronger. Employees who participate in Lean or Six Sigma activities typically wind up taking a strong "ownership" of the improved processes, driving up productivity and reducing employee turnover.

"Lean and Six Sigma principles go beyond ISO," explains George Zalatan, an MSI consultant and Six Sigma Black Belt. "We focus on a customer's unique needs, objectives and core competencies to identify the weakest link and projects that can yield 'the most bang for the buck.' Lean/Six-Sigma is really about dramatically improving profitability!"

"Implementing Six Sigma and Lean methodologies is the next logical step for ISO certified companies," states Diana Procter, MSI's president. "Studies have shown that a Six Sigma Black Belt consultant can save a medium-sized company over \$1 million annually." According to the Six Sigma Academy, Black Belts save companies approximately \$230,000 per project. Typically, a Black Belt can complete four-to-six projects annually.

About Management Systems International LLC

Management Systems International, LLC (MSI), founded in 1998, provides consulting and training services to organizations seeking to become registered to the ISO 9000 Quality Standards and the ISO 14000 Environmental Management Systems standard. With its unique *SurePath*™ turnkey program, MSI has successfully assisted over 300 companies to become ISO certified. Ongoing consulting to ensure continued adherence to ISO standards and quality improvement is provided through MSI's *SureResults*™ services.

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