

Advanced Lean Thinking --- Continuous Flow Systems

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Wood Education and Resource Center
Princeton, WV

Program

Lean thinking is a philosophy that strives to “create value without waste”. World -class companies have achieved significant cost savings, quality improvements, lead time reductions, and profitability increases while respecting people and being good stewards of the environment.

This workshop will be beneficial for managers, supervisors, and entrepreneurs in the wood products industry who are already familiar with basic lean thinking concepts and want to learn how to apply more advanced lean concepts in their business. This workshop will focus on continuous flow concepts (e.g. 1-piece flow work cells) to help make materials and information flow more efficiently in their businesses. The workshop will also provide guidance on how these concepts can be applied to their operations.

Agenda

9:30 am	Registration and Refreshments
10:00	Welcome and introductions
10:30	Lean Thinking – Overview of Tools
11:00	Creating continuous flow
12:00 pm	Lunch & Networking (lunch provided)
12:45	Continuous flow simulation
2:00	Industry case studies
3:00	Information, readings, support and wrap-up
3:30	Adjourn

Instructors

Earl Kline, Professor, Virginia Tech
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Cost

Before March 12, 2010 - \$40, after March 12, 2010 - \$50

The workshop is co-sponsored by the Virginia Tech's *Sloan Foundation Forest Industries Center*, the USDA Forest Service's *Wood Education and Resource Center*, and University of Minnesota Duluth's *Natural Resources Research Institute*. For registration information or other questions, please contact:

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