

Advanced Lean Thinking --- Pull 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 more about how to apply advanced lean concepts in their business. This workshop will focus on pull concepts (e.g. kanban and supermarket systems) 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 level pull
12:00 pm	Lunch & Networking (lunch provided)
12:45	Pull production 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 31, 2010 - \$40, after March 31, 2011 - \$50

The workshop is co-sponsored by the USDA Forest Service’s *Wood Education and Resource Center*, Virginia Tech’s *Sloan Foundation Forest Industries Center*, and Mississippi State University’s, *Department of Forest Products*. For registration information or other questions, please contact:

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