

## Business

### Lean Manufacturing Workshop Offered

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Dixie Industries will host a Lean Maintenance for Management Workshop Aug. 8-11.

The workshop is structured primarily around experiential activities in an actual plant environment where the system of Lean Maintenance will be learned, performed and implemented. Classroom instruction will supplement the real-world experiences.

Presenter will be Lean expert Mike Thomas, managing partner of Manufacturing Solutions International. Thomas has been assisting and leading industries such as Caterpillar, Ford Motor Co. and General Mills in their Lean processes for more than 35 years. Courses including Total Productive Maintenance, Achieving Zero Defects and Visual Control Systems are only a few of the programs Thomas has led and implemented.

This highly-interactive workshop allows participants to learn not only the basics of Lean Management, and specifically the details of the Total Productive Maintenance process, but to spend real time on real equipment generating real sustainable results.

Employees and managers alike will benefit from the workshop. Space is limited to 24 participants. Reservations may be made by calling Steve Boleman, Lean Coordinator with Dixie Industries, at 423-698-3323 or 423-618-7077. Cost is \$600 for Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce members. The fee includes four full days of training, all training manuals and notebooks, daily continental breakfast and lunch and validated parking.

The kickoff session, training and meals will be held in the United Way Board Room at 630 Market Street. From there, teams will disperse to the two Dixie Industries plant locations, both within five miles of the meeting center.

The Lean Maintenance workshop will be conducted on the manufacturing shop floors.

Officials said the Chattanooga Manufacturing Association has been a key supporter in the workshop. CMA members receive the same special price of \$600 per person.

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