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12.23.2009 | Business If your company is resolving to get leaner in the New Year, then a partnership between the University of Dayton and Miami University may be for you.

The University of Dayton Research Institute's Center for Competitive Change and Miami University's Corporate & Community Institute are helping companies — through the schools' lean and Six Sigma programs — find and eliminate waste and find ways to run more efficiently while permanently eliminating mistakes and defects that inhibit company growth.

The first training session of the New Year, beginning Jan. 25 at the University of Dayton, is for a Six Sigma Black Belt.

Visit the related link for a complete list of classes, dates, times, locations, prices and registration information. Further information is available by contacting Paul Piechota, executive director of the University of Dayton Research Institute's Center for Competitive Change, at 937-229-1097.

"This is not a cookie-cutter, push-them-through program. You will learn the job of a Black Belt," said Mike Harwood, manufacturing engineering manager at Hartzell Fan Inc.

The schools' learn-practice-implement models and lessons from experts provide real-world scenarios a company's employees can practice on their own. Piechota feels these lessons will help businesses become successfully positioned for global competitiveness.

"This united front between the center and Miami's Corporate & Community Institute comes together because of our common mission — helping our clients stay and succeed in America by achieving business and operational excellence," Piechota said.

Pat McNab, senior director of Miami's Corporate & Community Institute, agreed.

"Marrying our existing lean and Six Sigma training experts with the professional resources of the University of Dayton's Center for Competitive Change will allow us to bring a greater breadth and depth of services to our communities," she said.

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