



NEW ENGLAND LEAN CONSORTIUM

Lean Leaders Meeting

Hosted by: Colonial Mills
Pawtucket, RI

The New England Lean Consortium will be holding its November Lean Leaders Meeting at **Colonial Mills** in Pawtucket, RI, on Wednesday, November 7th. Current Lean Consortium members include companies from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

"Colonial Mills has been crafting quality braided products for 40 years. We make all of our products in our Pawtucket, Rhode Island facility, located just down the street from Slater Mill, the birthplace of America's textile industry."

Colonial Mills brings innovation to brand. Through quality, American craftsmanship and adaptable design, we are creating the next generation of braided home fashions. We see braid as a method of construction, not a style. It is this thinking that allows us to combine the traditional and the contemporary. Our approach reflects people's eclectic sense of personal style. From the boldly modern to the classically rustic, we are proudly made to order here in the USA."

Colonial Mills has been on their Lean Journey since the Scarlata's took over in 1977 although it was only referred to continuous improvement back then. It has allowed them to be very competitive and to keep all their manufacturing in the US. They have implemented some very innovative technology into their manufacturing process including the use of iPads for real time data acquisition and review and instant communication.

The company also practices open book management and profit sharing, with the understanding that access to how the company is doing as a whole, helps employees do their jobs more effectively and rewards them when the entire company succeeds.

A **Lean Consortium** is a group of companies and organizations that get together to help each other on their Lean Continuous Improvement journey by sharing best practices and resources. Facilitated by a Lean CI professional, the Consortium brings together local companies and peers to share, learn and grow with each other on their Lean journey.

Who Should Attend?

- Those companies that have a Lean Program and would like to take their CI program to a new level. Those companies that would like to benchmark with other companies in New England.

Meeting Content

A Lean Leaders Meeting is an opportunity to learn new approaches to improving a Continuous Improvement Program. Attendees at these meetings can always walk away with some new ideas or new tools that they can apply at their own place of work. The host company benefits from the Meeting through the Plus/Delta Feedback Session as many improving ideas are offered during the session. The main benefit of a Lean Consortium is the fresh pair of eyes that come to a member company, and see the obvious waste. Attendees ask the Why? questions. Why do you do that? Why do you do it that way?

The attendees at a Lean Leaders meeting are all Lean Practitioners, possessing great experience, expertise and skills in Lean. The attendees offer their suggestions for improvement based on what they see and what they hear. It is a great opportunity to have a team of leading Lean Practitioners tour your plant and provide positive, reinforcing feedback.



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Date: Wednesday

November 7th

Time: Noon – 4pm

Location:

560 Mineral Spring Avenue
Pawtucket, RI 02860

**You are invited to this
free event!**

Includes lunch. Seating is limited
so please register prior to the
event.

To register

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**You are invited to come
and experience the
Synergistic Power of a
[New England Lean
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Lean Leaders Meeting.**