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We've Joined
Greater Louisville,
Inc.



We were previously members of the Manufacturing Network, Logistics Network, and the Health Enterprises Network. Now we've joined to help make a bigger difference within our community.

ILS News

Dear David,

After completing a test of this email service with only 100 contacts from my address book, I found that it worked pretty well as long as the people sending the emails didn't pummel the contacts with daily messages. With that in mind, I pulled together all the contacts I have tried hard to maintain over the past several years, and the list was pretty substantial.

I know not all of you will want to hear updates on what we're doing within ILS, and so I want you to know that a request to unsubscribe will take effect as quickly as you ask for it. If you decide to allow us to keep you posted on our courses, workshops, and other activities, I'm planning on sending only two or three of these per month, just to keep everyone current on our offerings.

I hope this short message finds you well. I've included a few updates for you to browse, but in a couple of days, we're sending out two more of these: one for our executive workshop in February, and one for our Japan Study Mission in April.

We'd love to hear from you too. If for no other reason than to say hello or update your contact information.

Thanks for your help in getting this company going and growing. We're looking forward to serving you well for years to come.

Client of the Month

Watch For:

Executive Excellence
Diploma Workshop, Feb
25 - 29

Japan Study Mission,
April 18 - 26

New Certification Series
start ups

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LEAN
Supermarket

Check this website we
found with a ton of
helpful tools.

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We've embarked
on a pretty
exciting journey
with Monomoy
Capital Partners.
They are a
private equity



group that is
filling it's portfolio with companies, most of which need
substantial help in getting back into the black and more
profitable. They've decided to use ILS to help these
companies. So far, we've done assessments or interventions
with 5 Monomoy companies, representing three distinct
industries: Automotive, Food Service, and Logistics. We're
looking forward to 2008 as Monomoy and ILS continue this
partnership.

TexSkill Ltd Partnership

After an 18 month relationship with TexSkill Ltd, a not-for-profit Registered Training Organization in Melbourne, Australia, ILS created a dynamic partnership where we will work to develop their trainers to be more effective teachers and consultants for industries in Australia. We will continue to deliver our world-class Operational Excellence Certification Program in Australia, which is called the Graduate Certificate Programme, as well as support the transformation of companies down under with a full-time team member stationed in Australia for the duration of this annually renewable partnership.



Other Highlights

At the back of Enna Publishing's new book by Shigeo Shingo, Norman Bodek and I record a conversation about the direction of lean and involving employees! This was mentioned in Industry Week's review of the book.



Last month, I also had a short article appear in [Business First - Louisville](#).

Finally, I will be a keynote speaker at the [North American Manufacturing Summit](#) in Nashville, Tennessee this June.

The other guys have a lot of stuff going on too, but we haven't had any time to sit down and get caught up, so you can count on updates for them in future newsletters.

Thanks for allowing us to stay in touch. 2008 holds great promise for us and for you. Let's make the most of it!

Sincerely,

David Veech
Executive Director
Institute for Lean Systems

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