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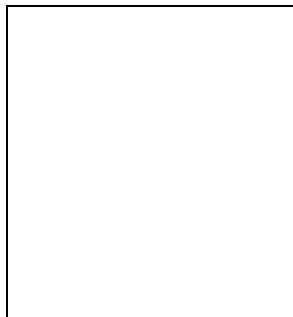
11:30 AM Thursday, September 15, 2005 at the Harrison Manor House at Lake Bluff

136 Green Bay Road
Lake Bluff, IL 60044
847-295-1100 · Fax 847-295-9307
Luncheon Cost: \$15.00 (Members); \$20.00 (Non Members)

Come join us at the Harrison House, which is a first-class conference facility where they serve an outstanding all-you-can-eat buffet lunch with several choices on everything from salads to entrees to desserts. Their combination of quality and variety makes this luncheon an enjoyable eating experience and an excellent value. A brief Business Meeting will follow lunch and then you'll receive an informative and interesting presentation.

Presentation on design and construction processes offering lean improvements in construction organization.

By: Mr. Willie Carter, President of Quantum Associates, Inc.



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Please join us for our September meeting which promises to be an interesting and challenging presentation. Our presenter is Mr. Willie Carter President of Quantum Associates, Inc. Mr. Carter has over thirty years experience as a consultant and manager. Since 1986 Mr. Carter has generated millions of dollars of waste related savings for companies such as Abbot Laboratories by reducing poor quality costs and non-value added activities in administrative, management and production processes. Mr. Carter is the past Chairman of the Northeast Illinois Section of the American Society for Quality, the International Lean Institute, and a member of our own Lake Michigan Post of SAME.

The presentation will focus on the design and construction processes of a project and will offer suggestions on implementing lean improvements in the construction organization. Traditionally a contractor's bid price is cost plus margin. But what if a contractor took the market price subtracted the margin and used the remainder to cover job costs? Mr. Carter will challenge us to understand the difference between waste and value and will offer examples of how to eliminate the waste that lingers between steps. Lean thinking is a total quality management concept that is based on value. If the customer is willing to pay for something it is value, if not, it is waste. Mr. Carter believes that

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the biggest impediment to lean in the construction industry is a mind-set that believes it won't work in construction. The goal of his presentation is to show leaders in the construction industry how they can use lean principles to their advantage by minimizing waste and maximizing value.

RSVP to Kelly Duddy by Tuesday, September 13, 2005.

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DIRECTIONS:

From Downtown Chicago:

Follow signs to Tollway I-94 West (north toward Milwaukee). When I-94 forks, continue north to Route 41. Take Route 41 to the Deerpath Road exit. Turn right onto Deerpath Road (east). Proceed to Green Bay Road. Turn left (north) on Green Bay Road and proceed to the Harrison Conference Center entrance, which is on the left (west) side of the street just after the bridge into the Village of Lake Bluff.

From Chicago O'Hare International Airport:

Follow signs to Tollway I-294 West and I-94 North to Milwaukee. Proceed north and exit on Route 60 (Townline Road). At stoplight turn right (east) and proceed to route 41. At route 41 turn left (north). Once on 41 you will exit immediately onto Deerpath Road. At the stop sign turn right onto Deerpath Road and follow to Green Bay Road, then turn left. Proceed to the Harrison Conference Center entrance, which is on the left (west) side of the street just after the bridge into the Village of Lake Bluff.

From Midway Airport:

When exiting the airport, take Route 50 North to the junction of Route 55, about 3 miles. Take Route 55 Southwest to Tollway I-294, about 12 miles. Take I-294 and I-94 North to Milwaukee. Proceed north. Exit on Route 60 (Townline Road). At stoplight turn right (east) and proceed to route 41. At Route 41 turn left (north). Once on Route 41, you will exit immediately onto Deerpath Road. At the stop sign turn right onto Deerpath Road and follow to Green Bay Road, then turn left. Proceed to the Harrison Conference Center entrance, which is on the left (west) side of the street just after the bridge into the Village of Lake Bluff.

From Milwaukee:

Take I-94 South toward Chicago. Just after you cross the Wisconsin/Illinois border, exit to the left on Route 41 South to Waukegan. Proceed south on Route 41 and exit on Route 176 (Rockland Road). At the light, turn left (east) onto Route 176. Proceed east on 176 to Route 131 (Green Bay Road). Turn right (south) on Green Bay Road and proceed 6 blocks to the Harrison Conference Center entrance, which is on the right (west) side of the street.

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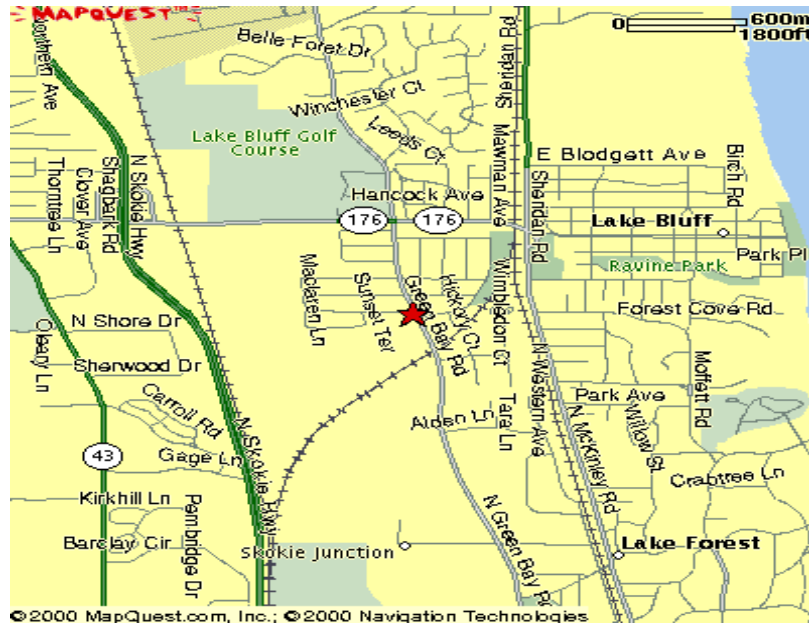
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