The ELSS 2014 conference committee invites submission of abstracts to share your experiences in terms of industry practices, teaching/training and research in Lean, Six Sigma and related areas with a diverse audience of engineers, managers and educators/researchers dedicated to improving operational excellence at the 2014 Engineering Lean & Six Sigma (ELSS) Conference, which will be held in Orlando, FL from September 29 – October 1, 2014.

**Special this year:** The Lean Educator Conference (LEC) will be held in conjunction with the ELSS conference offering attendees a much wider variety of sessions than any ELSS conference before!! The paper submission process is full integrated with the ELSS, so LEC authors should submit to the IIE site below.

New and expanded tracks for ELSS 2014 include Industry and Academic Research tracks, as well as expanded Academic Teaching track and special emphasis on collaborations between academic work and industry practice. Specific areas of focus include, but are not limited to, the following:

| Industry Track | • Industrial Engineering & Lean Six Sigma  
• Lean Six Sigma Industry Practices  
• Lean Six Sigma Case Studies  
• Sustaining Lean Six Sigma Efforts |
| Collaborative Industry/Academic Track | • Listening to the Voice of the Customer – Industry Needs for New Graduate capabilities in Lean Six Sigma  
• Collaborative Learning – Projects, Improvements, and Bringing Process Improvement to Academia  
• Collaborative Teaching – Academic Involvement in Industry Training |
| Academic Track: Teaching | Responding to the voice of the customer: Teaching Lean in the University Environment through:  
• Familiarization with lean basics and nomenclature  
• Integrated teaching as part of existing engineering core  
• Dedicated programs  
• Continuing Education  
• Educational Innovation |
| Academic Track: Sustaining Lean Implementation and Effectiveness through research |

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Research on:

- The Lean Organization
- Emerging Topics in Lean Research
- Innovations for Lean Implementation
- Future of Lean Six Sigma

Detailed list of track descriptions is available at:
http://www.iienet2.org/LeanSixSigma细节.aspx?id=7784

Presenters are invited to submit abstracts for these tracks on industry topics (such as practices in segments new to lean six sigma), academic topics (both research and education), and joint academic/industry topics (including needs for new graduates, industry participation in learning in academia, and professional education and training). Visit the conference website for more information: http://www.iienet2.org/leansixsigma/.

In addition to full presentations, we are soliciting participants for panel discussions in topics including (although not limited to):
- Long term sustainment of lean efforts: "making it stick"
- Integrating Lean into the Engineering Curriculum
- The Future of Lean Six Sigma
- Voice of the Customer: Industry needs for Lean skills in new graduates
- Industry/academic collaboration: enhancing student teaching and professional training

Abstracts/papers can be submitted online at www.xcdsystem.com/lss. For specific inquiries, contact Carol Le Blanc at cleblanc@iienet.org or (770) 349-1114, or Larry Aft at laft@iienet.org or (770) 349-1130.

ELSS 2014 will be packed with various activities including keynote presentations, panel discussions, interactive forums, concurrent industry & research presentations, facility tours, and activities for students. All papers will be peer-reviewed, and the accepted papers will be published in the conference proceedings. Track specific best paper will be selected and announced in the conference. Don't miss this opportunity to present your lean and Six Sigma research and ideas. Go to www.iienet2.org/leansixsigma for the latest updates.

Important Dates to Remember:
- Deadline for abstracts (100-200 words): April 14, 2014
- Abstract decision notification: April 30, 2014
- Full paper submissions (recommended): June 13, 2014
- Paper decision notification: July 18, 2014
- Final paper submission: August 1, 2014
- Early bird registration: August 15, 2014

We look forward to seeing you at ELSS 2014 in Orlando!!

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