Due to ever increasing volatility in the global manufacturing environment, companies can no longer rely on a strategy of lowest price, shortest lead time and acceptable quality. Today, high performing, optimized supply chains are collaborative through their multiple tiers. They quickly identify and mitigate volatility and have the capability to develop, manufacture and distribute new or improved products more rapidly than ever before. U. S. manufacturers now have a roadmap to improving their supply chain performance, MEP’s Supply Chain Optimization.

A STRATEGIC APPROACH TO SUPPLY CHAIN OPTIMIZATION

Within the Supply Chain Optimization program, MEP centers are the only resource able to help you focus on the critical areas of the supply chain at all levels; from the top tier through all supporting tiers and value chains down to the lowest tier. Based on a Theory of Constraints methodology, MEP centers improve supply chain performance by quantifying the needs of the supply chain and focusing on improving the points in the process which are impeding the throughout of the entire supply chain.

WHY MEP

Since 1989, MEP has utilized its expertise completing more than 490,000 customer engagements using its unique, boots-on-the-ground model to resolve the challenges experienced by U.S. manufacturers. The Supply Chain Optimization initiative leverages that expertise and knowledge to provide manufacturers an opportunity to create stronger supply chains that function at advanced levels. MEP centers throughout the U.S. have the capability to provide a customized and collaborative solution to an organizations’ supply chain improvement needs in a consistent approach in every state. MEP leverages its network to provide local assistance for planning, training and implementation, including:

- Change Management
- Lean/Six Sigma Enterprise
- Theory of Constraints
- Demand Planning
- Product Development
- Six Sigma
- Quality Management Systems
- Strategic Energy Management
- Sourcing & Logistics
- Risk Identification/Mitigation
- Total Cost of Ownership
- Collaborative Product Development
- Supplier Scouting
- Workforce Effectiveness
- Leadership Development

WHAT TO EXPECT

Manufacturers that commit to this journey can rely upon expert coaching and mentoring from America’s most trusted source for manufacturing competitiveness. We will guide you through a transfer of knowledge that supports building a strategy from which tactics and subsequent implementation occur. Manufacturers can expect to be better positioned to develop, source, manufacture, and distribute superior products at lower total costs; as well as to increase revenue, profit and shareholder value faster than competitors.
WHERE TO BEGIN

The MEP path to Supply Chain Optimization begins with the development or refinement of a supply chain strategy, a guiding compass for optimization activities and provides a measure for the maturity of an organizations’ supply chain. The initial program will assist companies with exploration through two working sessions, designed to systematically understand the critical areas controlling the performance of the supply chain and foster collaboration among its supply chain members.

OPTIMIZATION ROADMAP

MEP’s Supply Chain Optimization consists of a strategic, consultative approach to convert supply chain strategy into tangible supply chain collaboration thereby equipping manufacturers with the tools needed to resolve gaps and increase competitiveness. MEP leverages its proven boots-on-the-ground national network to deploy strategy and implementation consistently and effectively.

Contact your local MEP center today to begin your Supply Chain Optimization journey.

WWW.MEPSUPPLYCHAIN.ORG.