

# MoreSteam.com and Smarter Solutions Announce Training Partnership

*Blended Learning Lean Six Sigma Courses Combine Online Technology with Detailed Workbooks, Live Coaching Sessions and Certification*

July 31, 2012 - Columbus, OH - MoreSteam.com®, the leading global provider of online Lean Six Sigma training, and Smarter Solutions®, the world-class Lean Six Sigma training and consulting provider, announce the launch of a unique Blended Online Lean Six Sigma training and certification program that combines MoreSteam's online technology with Smarter Solutions' Integrated Enterprise Excellence (IEE) Lean Six Sigma training. Available now through Smarter Solutions (<https://www.smartersolutions.com/blended-training.php>), these blended courses deliver self-paced process improvement training supported through convenient, interactive and individualized remote coaching sessions.

The Smarter Solutions IEE Blended Online Black Belt training program uses online self-paced training tools and remote meeting software to provide students with an excellent, rigorous and convenient training experience. The e-Learning portion is comprised of approximately 155 hours of self-paced modules that cover the complete DMAIC (Define-Measure-Analyze-Improve-Control) roadmap. Each student receives extensive one-on-one remote coaching sessions throughout the course with an assigned certified Master Black Belt. Students also receive five bound textbooks that cover the contents of the course and can access the online materials for 365 days at any time through an Internet connection and browser.

The Smarter Solutions IEE Blended Online Green Belt course follows the same structure as the Black Belt course, with 84 hours of self-paced online modules with the extensive one-on-one remote coaching. This blended model includes the textbooks used and referenced throughout the courses that provide the student with detailed references long after the completion of the training, as well as Lean Six Sigma Green Belt certification.

"In this difficult economy, individuals and organizations of all sizes are turning to Blended Learning as a way to realize high-quality training at a lower cost," noted Bill Hathaway, CEO of MoreSteam.com. "This course offers the best of both worlds: the flexibility and interactivity of MoreSteam's superior online training and the recognized expertise of Smarter Solutions' trainers and coaches. We're very pleased to partner with Smarter Solutions and support their adoption of the Blended Learning model."

Blended Learning, a training model that integrates multiple live and online learning activities, is now a well-accepted method of training in private and public institutions. A growing body of research has pointed to Blended Learning - also referred to as the "flipped classroom" - as a more effective method of teaching over e-Learning or face-to-face instruction alone because it reduces costs, provides scheduling flexibility to students and instructors, and makes best use of the live interactions with instructors and coaches. With Blended Learning, students have little to no travel requirements and can fit their learning to their schedule rather than interrupt their workflow and lives with dedicated classroom sessions.

The Smarter Solutions' Lean Six Sigma Black Belt Blended Learning training and certification program costs \$6,995 and Blended Online Green Belt training and certification costs \$3,995. Both courses can start at any time. Students will need to complete a project and must purchase Minitab® software separately. The list of certification requirements is available upon request. Upon certification, the student will receive a certificate and plaque acknowledging this great achievement. To learn more about this course, visit the Smarter Solutions Web site and register to watch the free recorded Webinar: "An Online Black Belt Training That Equals the Classroom Experience": <https://www.smartersolutions.com/blended-training.php>.

## **About MoreSteam.com**

MoreSteam.com is the leading global provider of online Lean Six Sigma training and Blended Learning technology, serving over 2,000 corporate clients and over 50% of the Fortune 500 with a full suite of Lean Six Sigma e-Learning courses, data analysis software, discrete event simulation software, online project tracking software, and online testing, and process simulations and games. MoreSteam.com was launched in the year 2000 in response to the high cost of traditional Six Sigma training and tools, and has now trained over 350,000 Lean Six Sigma professionals. MoreSteam's mission is to enable people to advance the performance of their organizations by delivering powerful tools for process improvement to the widest possible audience at the lowest price available.

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## **About Smarter Solutions**

Smarter Solutions is a world class Lean Six Sigma training and consulting provider that helps organizations improve their measurement, strategic planning, and improvement systems. Smarter Solutions' approach is founded in the Integrated Enterprise Excellence (IEE) system, a business management improvement system that builds on and expands the capabilities of previous disciplines. IEE is a comprehensive system enabling proactive management of key business metrics and profitable financial results. IEE is accomplished through achieving excellence in: strategic planning, performance reporting and scorecards, business improvement program development, executive coaching, and thought leadership and resources. Smarter Solutions has a record of excellence in the delivery of Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, Black Belt, and Master Black Belt training and education in support of worldwide business improvement efforts and deployments.

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