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EFI Electronics Wins Shingo Prize Silver Medallion for Operational Excellence



As the result of the “Good to Great in 2008” program, EFI Electronics has reached a significant milestone in its LEAN journey by winning the industry coveted Shingo Prize Silver Medallion. Awarded in honor of the Japanese industrial engineer, Shigeo Shingo, who shaped the Toyota Production System, EFI joins an elite collection of industry leading organizations dedicated to LEAN manufacturing and the elimination of waste in operations and customer-aligned processes.

In celebration, EFI will receive the award at the Shingo Prize Conference in Nashville, Tennessee on May 8th, and an award presentation for the entire company in late May at EFI’s 30th Anniversary Celebration. Additionally, Shingo Prize leadership has identified EFI as a training center for Shingo Prize Examiners. EFI will share with them best practices to help them recognize processes in other companies that deserve recognition.

“For EFI, this as an exciting opportunity for continuous improvement as we continue our LEAN journey. We know there is still much to do as we pursue the principles of continuous improvement, but it is good to take pause and celebrate the successes of our people. We are grateful for their can-do-attitudes and their focus on the removal of waste and the improvement of the customer experience throughout the entire enterprise.”

The Shingo Prize for Operational Excellence, established in 1988, recognizes business excellence around the globe. The philosophy of the Shingo Prize is that world-class performance for quality, cost and delivery can be achieved through lean principles and techniques in core manufacturing and business processes. Business Week, May 15, 2000, stated that the Shingo Prize is, “...the Nobel prize of manufacturing....”

The Shingo Prize evaluation criteria is based on an overall lean business systems model. Masaaki Imai, Chair, Kaizen Institute, has noted that the Shingo Prize is the only award program in the world focused on lean manufacturing and the elimination of “muda”, or waste. The model demands system integration based on proven lean manufacturing and business practices.

The Shingo criteria focuses on Customer Satisfaction and Profitability; Quality, Cost and Delivery; Lean Core Operations; and Leadership and Empowerment Enablers. A Board of Examiners consisting of over 175 lean leaders throughout North America, representing primarily former Shingo Prize recipient companies, carry out the rigorous process of evaluating the 100 page Achievement Report and the 2-3 day company Site Evaluation Visit.

Other Shingo Prize Silver Medallion winners include Lockheed Martin Missiles, Volvo Construction Equipment, Chrysler, Raytheon Integrated Defense Systems and Micron.

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