



## **The Greater Detroit Chapter of APICS Professional Development Meeting**

The Greater Detroit Chapter of APICS invites  
you to attend its next Professional Development Meeting

**Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

at the **Best Western Sterling Inn**  
34911 Van Dyke Avenue, Sterling Heights , MI 48312  
Phone: (586) 979-1400

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Please join us for dinner and our guest speaker

**Mr. Ron Crabtree**  
President, MetaOps Inc.

The topic of the evening's presentation is:

### **Lean Six Sigma and Supply Chain: Convergence**

#### **Presentation Overview:**

Lean Six Sigma is the fusion of Lean and Six Sigma (LSS) approaches that has been seeing increasing application and acceptance in American businesses over the last 5 years. Supply Chain Management (SCM), with continued globalization and economic pressures – has emerged as a key competitive weapon in many industries. The convergence of the principles and practices of LSS with SCM is a logical and much needed innovation that must be addressed by large and small organizations alike. In this discussion we will explore what early adopters are doing – and what is on the horizon. Included is a hands-on exercise to help internalize the concepts learned.

#### Summary Learning Objectives:

- A brief history of the evolution LSS in SCM.
- Forward-looking SCM issues – APICS 2010 Report.
- Key areas that LSS impacts SCM in design, implementation and execution.
- Exercise – “the Lean Six Sigma Six Sigma and Supply Chain Management (SCM) Convergence Opportunity Continuum”.
- Overview: A five-phase program for deploying LSS in SCM – getting off to a good start.
- Q&A Forum

#### **About the Speaker:**

Mr. Ron Crabtree, CPIM, CIRM, CSCP, MLSSBB is president of MetaOps, Inc., - a training and consulting firm that specializes in strategic business transformation. He is an internationally recognized expert and author in cutting-edge business process improvement methodologies. He

serves as adjunct faculty for the University of San Francisco in Supply Chain Management and for Villanova University developing and teaching Lean Six Sigma and other programs. Mr. Crabtree writes the "Lean Culture" Department in APICS Magazine for APICS, The Association for Operations Management ([www.APICS.org](http://www.APICS.org)); the global leader and premier source of the body of knowledge in operations management. He also writes a regular column in MiBiz on Lean Six Sigma – available online at: [www.mibiz.com/leveragingleansixsigma.asp](http://www.mibiz.com/leveragingleansixsigma.asp)

**Time:**

Professional Networking: 5:45 – 6:30 p.m.

Dinner: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Speaker: 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**Registration Fee:**

Dinner & Speaker: APICS Members and Affiliates: \$25  
Non-Members: \$35  
Guests of Members: \$25  
Students with valid ID: \$20

Speaker only: \$5 at the door; free with advanced registration

Payable by credit card at time of registration

**Please RSVP by Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**  
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