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March 10, 2010 Meeting Announcement

Topic: "Enterprise Excellence - Baldrige and Beyond"

In 2007, the US Army Armament Research, Development, and Engineering Center, headquartered at Picatinny Arsenal NJ, became the first Department of Defense organization to receive the prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (MBNQA). Winning the award was not ARDEC's ultimate goal, but rather an objective performance measure on its never-ending journey of enterprise excellence. The recognition affirmed the Center's 25+ year commitment to quality and, just as importantly, provided a benchmark for improvement. Today, ARDEC continues its journey through enterprise-wide deployment of improvement initiatives in such areas as human capital management, portfolio management, knowledge management, product development management, quality/business management systems and lean six sigma. Mr. Carra will talk about ARDEC's journey and the benefits.

Speaker: Dominick N. Carra, Director, Quality Engineering and System Assurance

Mr. Dominick Carra provides leadership and management to over five hundred employees and is responsible for the strategic planning, development and execution of the overall quality, reliability, system safety, radiation protection and standardization mission for ARDEC weapons and ammunition programs. He is responsible for the overall planning and administration of a budget of approximately \$110M dollars. Major thrusts under his guidance include Competency Development, Continuous Quality Improvement with strong partnering with both Government and Industry, Target Behavioral Response, Non-Destructive Evaluation Technology, World Class Software Quality Engineering, and Design for Lean/Six Sigma Initiatives.

Mr. Carra received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rutgers University, College of Engineering and a Master of Engineering (Mechanical) degree from Stevens Institute of Technology. He is a certified Lean Six Sigma Master Black Belt. Mr. Carra has also held a variety of positions on the executive board of the North Jersey Section of the American Society for Quality (ASQ) to include serving as the section's Chairman. Mr. Carra is also the recipient of the Order of St. Barbara (U.S. Field Artillery Association) award.

Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Location: Ramada Inn, 60 Cottontail Lane, Somerset, NJ 08873 732-560-9880

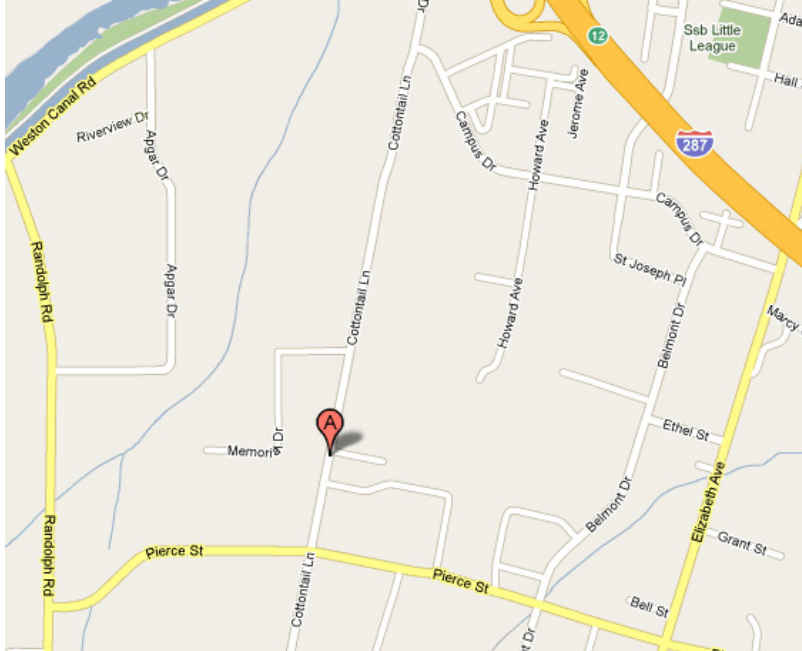
Cost: \$30 advanced reservation; \$35 walk-ins

Schedule: 5:30 - 6:30 pm Registration / Networking
6:30 - 7:30 pm Dinner
7:30 - 8:30 pm Presentation

Reservations: Contact ToniAnne Mizzi, tonianne.mizzi@asqprinceton.org, no later than 5PM Friday, March 5. Provide your name, company you work for, and number of attendees. **Should you have to cancel, please contact ToniAnne so that the section is not charged for an unused dinner.**

Email is most efficient for us, but if necessary, the phone number is (732) 513-6902. *If you reach voice mail, please spell your name and leave your number and email address.*

Directions:



From North-Interstate 287 to Exit 12. Make a left at the end of ramp and continue to the first traffic light. Make a left onto Cottontail Lane. The Ramada will be located on the left.

From South-Interstate 287 to Exit 12. Make a left at the end of ramp and continue to the first traffic light. Make a left onto Cottontail Lane. The Ramada will be located on the left.

From West-Route 22 to I-287 South to Exit 12. Make a left at the end of ramp and continue to the first traffic light. Make a left onto Cottontail Lane. The Ramada will be located on the left.

From East-Interstate 78 East to Exit 21 for Interstate 287. Take I-287 South to Exit 12. Make a left at the end of ramp and continue to the first traffic light. Make a left onto Cottontail Lane. The Ramada will be located on the left.

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Executive Board Meeting—We meet on the first Wednesday of each month. Join us at our next E-Board meeting at 6pm on March 3. Thanks to the generosity of Convatec, these meetings are held at their facility at 200 Headquarters Park Drive, Skillman, NJ. All members are welcome. Please contact Ann McDonald (609-802-3369) ann.mcdonald@asqprinceton.org if you plan to attend.

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