**Upcoming Conferences, Trainings & Workshops**

**CIRAS-AMES Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC)**

- **July 13th 9:00 AM**
  - Federal Procurement
  - Buy American and Trade Agreements Act Compliance for
  - **July 7th 11:00 AM**
  - Capabilities Statement Webinar
- **June 29th 10:00 AM**
  - ISU Supplier Orientation
- **June 24th 11:30 AM**
  - CIRAS - An Introduction and Overview
- **June 23rd 8:30 AM**
  - Warehouse Management 101 Webinar Series (3 Parts)
- **June 22nd 11:00 AM**
  - ILC Training Within Industry: Job Relations Webinar
- **June 22nd 10:00 AM**
  - Leveraging Technology to Improve Cash Flow
  - ILC Virtual Lean Coffee
- **June 15th 12:00 PM**
  - Automation
  - Inventory Management System and Robot Process
- **June 15th 10:00 AM**
  - Data Security - CMMC, Regulations, and Business
- **June 10th 10:45 AM**
  - Program/Agency
  - Iowa's TSB Program, plus Introduction to a State
- **June 9th 12:00 PM**
  - Growth Strategies to Build a Resilient Food Business
  - Operations, Engineering, Sustainability, and You
  - Food Talks

**CIRAS Becomes a Department of Transportation Grant for Underserved Business Enterprises**

CIRAS has received a $133,000 grant from the Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) to help economically and socially disadvantaged businesses develop as a means to increase the participation of underserved business enterprises (DBE) in transportation projects.

The project is expected to expand transportation contracting opportunities for economically and socially disadvantaged businesses, including Iowa’s 25 small businesses that qualify as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) – generally defined as a small business that are at least 51 percent owned by women or minorities – about the best ways to position themselves for government bidding opportunities.

As part of the grant, CIRAS will provide one-on-one assistance to companies who qualify as DBE. Companies interested in participating in transportation projects are encouraged to contact CIRAS for a free assessment.

**CIRAS News**

**ILC Annual Conference**

The Iowa Lean Consortium's Annual Conference will take a step closer to its familiar format this fall – but this time, it will be as part of a new hybrid event that will be offered virtually and in-person.

All attendees virtual or in-person will have the opportunity to hear keynote speeches from leading experts in the field of Lean.

This year's conference, slated for October 26-27, will be held at Prairie Meadows Conference Center in Altoona, a live-streamed event that will include a large in-person event and a variety of options for people to attend. Options will include a large in-person event that will include an exhibit area open to all registered attendees.

**ILC Staff Updates**

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- Increase Profit
- Improve Quality
- Increase Productivity
- Reduce Waste

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