Lean Culture Helped These Companies become Best Places to Work

Join these companies and more to network and share ideas at the ILC Annual Conference in October.

Federal Certification for Women-Owned Small Businesses

Federal agencies have an annual goal to award at least 5% of spend on prime contracts to Women-Owned Small Businesses (WOSBs) and, for contracts which include small business subcontracting plans, the WOSB prime contracts to Women-Owned Small Businesses (WOSBs)

For an online event earlier this year. Representatives from all five – Tri-City Metals, Grinnell Mutual in Grinnell, and West Des Moines-based American Equity – all noted the culture change that came along with the adoption of Lean with helping them create a culture where workers simply love to work.

What do the best places to work have in common? Five companies recognized as being among the best employers in Iowa credit their growth. Hosted by CIRAS Account Manager: Jennifer Velazquez

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Applications through the 2021 Iowa Small Business Assuming Federal Certification

Please review the new requirements for federal Certification for Women-Owned Small Businesses (WOSBs). In previous years, federal agencies were not required to verify a business' WOSB and/or EDWOSB status. In 2020, changes went into effect, many federal agencies (military and civilian) required documentation. As of October 15, 2020, documentation supporting a business' status for the WOSB and EDWOSB socioeconomic programs, sometimes set-aside or even sole-source opportunities to WOSBs and Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Businesses (EDWOSBs).

Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Businesses

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