



**Lean Six Sigma (LSS)  
Special Interest Group (SIG)**  
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**LSS SIG Monthly Meeting**



**DATE:** Wednesday, November 19, 2008

**TOPIC:** *“The Top Eight Reasons Six Sigma Projects Fail”*

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➔ **Tool Spotlight: Quality Companion**

**SPEAKERS:** **Louis A. Johnson**  
**Technical Training Specialist**  
**Minitab, Inc.**

**Mike O’Connell**  
**Business Development Specialist**  
**Minitab Inc.**

**HOST VENUE:**   
1616 Anderson Road McLean, Virginia 22102  
Center Conference Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)  
(See map for directions to TEQCORNER, [www.teqcorner.com](http://www.teqcorner.com))

**TIME:** **6:30-7:30pm** – Networking  
**7:30-8:30pm** – Program  
**8:30-8:45pm** – LSS SIG Announcements

**ADMISSION:** **Please register** at <http://lssignovembermeeting2008.eventbrite.com>  
Registration is complimentary and ASQ Membership is not required. Light refreshments will be provided.

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***Your competitors will be here. Your clients will be here. Shouldn't you be here too?***

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**WHAT:**  
Description

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***Quality Companion by Minitab***

Minitab Inc.’s process improvement software – Quality Companion – guides Green Belts and Black Belts through their Six Sigma projects and helps them organize their workflow. Quality Companion’s built-in collection of soft tools makes it easy for Master Black Belts to standardize project deliverables and support their teams and the freely available Quality Companion Dashboard utility gives Champions the aggregate view they need to keep on top of their entire Six Sigma program

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**WHO:**  
Bios

***Lou Johnson***

Six Sigma Master Black Belt and trainer, Lou Johnson is currently a Senior Technical Training Specialist with Minitab, Inc. To keep his instruction results-oriented, Lou leverages his 24 years of experience in process engineering and Six Sigma with Corning, Inc and Minitab Inc. As part of the Six Sigma Implementation Team for Corning’s Video Products Division, Lou coached many teams to reduce costs and improve manufacturing efficiencies. He has also consulted and trained with dozens of companies from Arrow to Xerox. He holds a bachelor’s degree in chemical engineering from the University of Illinois and master’s degree in statistics from Penn State University, as well as Black Belt certification from ASQ.

***Mike O’Connell***

Mike O’Connell has been involved in the development and promotion of Quality Companion by Minitab since 2005. Previously, over a 12 year period, Mike was a Quality Manager at Bausch & Lomb, and Jostens Inc. Mike has been an ASQ Certified Quality Engineer since 1995, and is a former US Navy Lieutenant. Mike holds an MBA in Quantitative Decision Making from Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT). As a self-proclaimed lifelong learner, he is currently a part-time student in RIT’s MS program for Applied Statistics.

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**WHY:**  
Attend to...

- 1. Be informed**  
Information is key, so stay in-the-know about high-relevance and high-impact issues affecting the Six Sigma community.
  - 2. Be connected**  
It’s *what* you know, but also *who* you know. Network with current and prospective clients, colleagues and competitors.
  - 3. Be resource-full**  
Treat others as you’d like to be treated. Count on the SIG’s loose network of professionals for resources and be recognized among your peers as a go-to expert.
  - 4. Be wise**  
Don’t repeat mistakes, benchmark! Share and learn lessons and best-practices from those in the same boat and those who have “been there done that.”
  - 5. Be innovative**  
Let diverse expert speakers from business and academia challenge and inspire your Six Sigma thinking with a fusion of new ideas and unique perspectives.
  - 6. Be...long**  
You are not alone. Meet like-minded professionals equally passionate about their work in an open, friendly atmosphere of learning and professional growth.
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Directions  
To  
Teqcorner



**From Dulles International Airport:**

Take the Dulles Toll Road (VA-267) East. Take exit number 19A towards Tysons Corner (VA-123 S). Keep left at the fork in the ramp. Stay straight to go onto Anderson Road. At the 1st light, make a right into the TeqCorner parking lot and enter through the 1st floor Reception area.

**From Ronald Reagan National Airport:**

Merge onto the George Washington Memorial Parkway going North. Take the VA-123/Chain Bridge exit towards McLean. Keep right at the fork in the ramp. Merge onto Dolley Madison Boulevard. Turn left onto Anderson Road, which is after you pass under the Dulles Toll Road bridges. At the 1st light, make a right into the TeqCorner parking lot and enter through the 1st floor Reception area.

**Baltimore Washington International Airport:**

Take I-195 West. Take exit number 2B (MD-295 S - Baltimore Washington Parkway) towards Washington. Merge onto the Capital Beltway (I-95/-495) towards Northern Virginia. Take exit number 45B, on the left towards I-66 East towards Washington. Merge onto the Dulles Toll Road (VA-267 E). Immediately, take exit number 19A towards Tysons Corner (VA-123 S). Keep left at the fork in the ramp. Stay straight to go onto Anderson Road. At the 1st light, make a right into the TeqCorner parking lot and enter through the 1st floor Reception area.

**From Downtown DC:**

Take Constitution Avenue West towards Virginia. Take the I-66 W ramp. Merge onto I-66 W. Take exit number 67, towards I-495 North / Dulles Airport / Baltimore. Merge onto the Dulles Toll Road (VA-267 W). Take exit number 19A towards Tysons Corner (VA-123 S). Merge onto Dolley Madison Boulevard. At first light, turn left onto Anderson Road. At the 1st light, make a right into the TeqCorner parking lot and enter through the 1st floor reception area.

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