

April 2021 eNews

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Gilcrest/Jewett Finds Success in Bringing Lean to Lumber

A 165-year-old Des Moines lumber company has gained new efficiencies, better customer service, and a tangible reduction in injuries after its employees embraced continuous improvement. Rick Kyser, operations manager at Gilcrest/Jewett Lumber Company, said company leaders have seen a massive cultural shift since the lumberyard took its first steps toward Lean management at the end of 2016.

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Have You Hired Your Summer Engineering Intern?

Spring is here, and that means summer won't be far behind. Is your summer workforce where it needs to be?

If not, Engineering Career Services at Iowa State University is eager to work with any company interested in hiring engineering interns during the coming summer.

[Learn More](#)





Virtual Matchmaking Session April 8

Government contracting can be an excellent path for a business to diversify its customer base and build a stable source of revenue. But the pool of available opportunities can expand dramatically when large prime companies team with small businesses.

How do companies of different sizes with complementary capabilities find each other?

[Learn More](#)

Plan Now to Be Ready for Bad Weather

April showers in Iowa quickly can turn into dangerous flash flooding.

CIRAS wants to take this opportunity to remind you yet again about the potential peril that can come with severe weather season. Are you ready?

[Learn How](#)

Upcoming Conferences, Trainings, & Workshops

The Center for Industrial Research and Service (CIRAS) seeks to make Iowa better by educating its businesses about the latest research-proven methods and best practices of the industry. Here are just a few of the ways we plan to do that in the coming month. For a complete listing of events, go to the [CIRAS Training Calendar](#).

[Business Resiliency Webinar Series](#)

April 6th 7:30 AM

[Scheduling Issues on Federal Construction Contracts](#)

April 6th 9:00 AM

[Iowa Manufacturing Lean Leaders Roundtable](#)

April 7th 7:30 AM

[Subcontracting Webinar](#)

April 7th 10:00 AM

Business Resiliency Webinar Series

April 13th 7:30 AM

Past Performance: Leveraging Success to Win Future Awards

April 13th 9:00 AM

Complying with CMMC and DFARS

April 14th 9:30 AM

ILC Spark Improvement Behavior through Effective Recognition Feedback

April 15th 1:00 PM

ILC Virtual Lean Coffee

April 16th 9:00 AM

Manufacturing 4.0: Innovating & Implementing to Achieve Results Faster

April 16th 9:00 AM

How to Read a Federal Solicitation

April 19th 9:00 AM

Business Resiliency Webinar Series

April 20th 7:30 AM

Davis Bacon and Service Contract Labor Standards, Featuring Michael Richard

April 20th 9:00 AM

Iowa Manufacturing Lean Leaders Roundtable

April 21st 7:30 AM

Market Segmentation and Prospecting

April 21st 11:30 AM

[Information security - A discussion current and future challenges](#)

April 22nd 7:30 AM

[Business Resiliency Webinar Series](#)

April 27th 7:30 AM

[Debriefings and Bid Protests, Presented by Matthew Schoonover](#)

April 27th 9:00 AM

[Blended Human Food PCQI Part 2: Instructor led Course \(Virtual\)](#)

April 28th 11:00 AM

[Plant Layout Simulations](#)

April 28th 11:00 AM

[Intro to SBIR/STTR Programs: America's Seed Fund](#)

April 29th 9:00 AM

[Strain Gage Basics for Structural Applications](#)

April 29th 10:00 AM

[ILC Danfoss Virtual Tour/Event](#)

April 29th 10:00 AM

[How Metal Additive Manufacturing Can Impact Your Company.](#)

April 29th 2:00 PM

[Leveraging the SBA Data Small Business Search](#)

May 4th 10:00 AM

[Iowa Manufacturing Lean Leaders Roundtable](#)

May 5th 7:30 AM

Pandemic Behavior: How We've Changed and What it Means

May 5th 10:00 AM
