

Supply Chain Management Class Starts February 28

The Basics of Supply Chain Management is being offered by Sierra College CACT and can help participants prepare for the first test for APICS CPIM certification. The 12 session course will start on February 28 and continue through April 5 on Tuesday and Thursday from 4 - 7 PM at the Sierra College Roseville Gateway campus. Registration is \$590; contact Judy Schmidt at (916) 747-2162 or judithschmidt@sierracollege.edu.



FOOD AND AGRICULTURE LEARNS LEAN PRINCIPLES

Twenty Directors, Managers and Supervisors from the various divisions in the State of California Department of Food and Agriculture participated in two days of introductory Lean Principles training in November 2012.

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responded enthusiastically to the way Jes Vargas, CACT trainer, used hands-on exercises to introduce concepts. Comments included: "I enjoyed the group activities," and "Making it visual was very helpful to me." Participants also reported that, "Looking at my organization through the eyes of the customer" was valuable and that the training was "perfect timing [to address some of] the challenges we are facing immediately."

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Barobo uses CACT Prototype

Graham Ryland, President, Barobo, Inc. in West Sacramento (barobo.com) used Sierra College CACT's rapid prototyping services to produce an early model of the iMobot, a modular robot. The prototype contributed to Barobo, Inc. winning a \$150,000 National Science Foundation grant to further develop modular robotics, explained Ryland.

"Working with Sierra College CACT was a huge help in developing the modular robotics; the low price for 3D printing allowed us to try several prototype designs before finalizing our current robot," said Ryland. "We were able to use the 3D printed parts for functional prototypes showing how the module could inch worm, drive with continuously rotating faceplates and even lift itself into a camera platform."



Companies Donate

Through the Sierra College CACT, companies recently donated a generator and micro-controllers to the Sierra College Mechatronics program. High schools have also benefited from local businesses' support. If your company has scrap or equipment that school technical programs may be able to use, contact Carol Pepper-Kittredge at (916) 660-7517 or cpepper-kittredge@sierracollege.edu.

Join the Continuous Improvement Network

Benefit from becoming a part of the new Continuous Improvement Network (CIN) for northern California companies. The goal is to bring together leaders of organizations focused on enhancing their businesses through continuous improvement efforts. Formed in late 2011, CIN attracted 33 people to its first event touring Rex Moore and RobbJack. To join or learn about upcoming events, contact Judy Schmidt at judithschmidt@sierracollege.edu or call (916) 747-2162.

Employee Training is Customized

Work with Sierra College CACT for customized employee training in quality, communication, supervision, marketing, process improvement, project management, computer software, business math and many other topics. Since 1992, companies have benefited from working with industry trainers who deliver custom performance solutions to meet specific business objectives. Learn more at sierracollegegetraining.com or contact Judy Schmidt at (916) 747-2162 or judithschmidt@sierracollege.edu.



CCC Veterans Crew Graduates

Veterans are transitioning to civilian employment as the result of a Sierra College Center for Applied Competitive Technologies (CACT) and California Conservation Corps (CCC) partnership. Nine veterans who are on the CCC crew were awarded Energy Technology and Lighting Systems Completion Certificates on January 20.

According to David Muraki, CCC director, putting discharged veterans to work is the goal of the program, partially funded by the California State Assembly Speaker's Office. "The training provided by Sierra College CACT, together with the hands-on experience the veterans will get installing energy conservation measures at DMV offices, will give them skills needed to qualify for a good job after the CCC," said Muraki.

Alexandra Warner served in the Army for nearly two years, before joining the CCC. "I didn't know anything about electricity," said Warner. "Now I have a passion for learning about energy systems, especially solar." Isaac Hall served three years in the Air Force and says that this is a great

opportunity. "I'm getting paid to learn and get practical experience through the CCC," said Hall. "Now I'm looking at the possibility of a career as an electrician."

Businesses interested in hiring veterans through this program can contact Carol Pepper-Kittredge at (916) 660-7517 or cpepper-kittredge@sierracollege.edu.

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Leadership Training Provided To CCC

In November, 20 California Conservation Corps (CCC) supervisors participated in 32 hours of leadership training according to Charlene Tapia of the CCC Training Unit. "The Conservationist Leadership Training was a successful event, the feedback was very positive and the participants found most of the content very helpful," said Tapia.

Tapia also commented that she appreciated the instructors' expertise and professionalism. "Tyler Wade did a fantastic job facilitating and engaging the group, and Dennis Wade's recap of the week's topics and the wrap up of the leadership training was perfectly executed."

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