

DMAIC Black Belt Training

The Plastics Manufacturing Center and IMC are co-sponsoring a Six Sigma Black Belt training course for 18 participants from 11 companies. Companies are privileged to have 75% of the training costs funded by the Central Pennsylvania Workforce Development Corporation (CPWDC), the local Workforce Investment Board.

Participants train one week per month for three months in DMAIC, a repeatable scientific problem-solving methodology. Two weeks of training occurred August 6-10 and September 10-15, 2007, on Penn College campus. The last week of training will be October 15-19, 2007. Students collectively learn to apply tools like voice of customer, FMEA, hypotheses testing, regression, design of experiments, response surface methodology,

stakeholder analysis, and change management to their projects.

With Jim Athon instructing, the evaluation results for the first week was 4.7; the second week was 4.6 - both out of 5. Contact Christy Allen, Workforce Development Consultant, for more information.

Companies Represented

**Construction
Specialties**

Playworld Systems, Inc.

FCI Connect

**Rieter Automotive
Systems**

Food Swing

Truck-Lite Co., Inc.

Koroseal

**West Pharmaceutical
Services, Inc.**

McClarín Plastics, Inc.

New Berlin Plastics

Wood-Mode, Inc.