

Don Nester is a Senior Project Manager for RIMES (Rhode Island Manufacturing Extension Services) a non-profit organization affiliated with NIST (National Institute for Standards and Technology) providing companies and organizations with strategies to improve their competitiveness and increase their efficiency.

Don has consulted and taught numerous seminars and courses on all aspects of Continual Improvement Systems to many of the leading Companies and Universities in Rhode Island. He is a recognized expert in helping organizations in the areas of Strategic Planning, Six Sigma and Lean methodologies, Statistical Process Control, Problem Solving, Leadership, Facilitation, Teambuilding and Total Quality Management systems. Currently, he is involved in implementing Six-Sigma and Lean Manufacturing methodologies for several manufacturers in Rhode Island and the US.

Don has been a guest lecturer and presenter at Brown University, Bryant College, the University of Rhode Island, CCRI, Roger Williams University, the Juran Institute and the National AQP Conferences. . He is the founder of the Rhode Island ISO Roundtable, and past Vice President, President and Director of the Rhode Island Chapter of the Association for Quality and Participation.

Prior to coming to RIMES, Don was the Plant Manager for Hoechst North America and DyStar Corporation. The operation produced textile dyestuffs for the cotton apparel industry and had sales of 150 million dollars per year and capitol assets of 50 million. In this capacity he was responsible for Administration, ESHA, Production, Engineering & Maintenance, Logistics, Quality Assurance and the interfacing with marketing.

Education

Master of Science	Anna Maria College, 1996 Management
Bachelor of Arts	University of Rhode Island, 1980 Major Economics, Minor in Mathematics and Chemistry

Teaching / Facilitation Experience

Seminars, Workshops, and Training Sessions (planned and delivered)

1. Strategic Planning
2. Six Sigma programs and certification
3. Lean Manufacturing
4. Leadership
5. Project Management
6. Quality Improvement Seminars - Foundations of Quality
7. Statistical Process Control
8. Road Map to Problem Solving
9. Leader/ Facilitator Training
10. Team Building
11. ISO 9000 Training
12. Work Design / Self Directed Teams Training

- 13. Benchmarking; Cost of Quality
- 14. WorkPlace Skills

Publications

Hanson, Ned, Richard Enander, and Donald Nester. "The New Paradigm and Hazardous Waste," The Journal of Quality and Production. September 1989: 60-67.

Staal, Rolf, and Donald Nester. "Adopting Quality Improvement Training To Marketing at American Hoechst Corporation." The Juran Report, 7 (1989): 25-27.

Enander, Richard, and Donald Nester. "Pollution Prevention in Rhode Island" Waste Reduction Plan Keys on Employees." Hazardous Waste Management. 7:6 (1989):

Enander, Richard, and Donald Nester. "A Structured Approach to Solid Waste Management," Chemical Engineering Progress, 84. 4 (1988): 27-31.

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Teknor Apex
Amgen
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Advanced Interconnections
Colonial Mills
ChemArt
Modine
Clariant
Walco Electric
Federal Electronics
Groov Pin
Murdock Webbing
Cooley Group