

Quick Changeover Awards for Excellence

Awards for Excellence in Machine Changeovers in NSW are being offered to NSW Manufacturers for a Changeover Improvement Project

The aim of the awards is to stimulate teams from manufacturing companies to strive for excellence and set new standards in Machine Changeover Practices.

The group project approach provides a stimulating learning environment at a low cost, for company teams to learn about and implement Quick Changeover Principles. The 2003 candidates will comprise up to 15 NSW companies working on their own sites and in group sessions.

The awards will be judged on the Changeover Improvement Project entries (one per company) from each of the participating companies.

Company Benefits

- **Teams learn how to achieve 50-75% reductions in changeover times through actual implementation on one of your machines**
- **Low cost** access to the very best training and peer knowledge on changeover practices – you may be eligible for **up to 50% subsidy** to attend from NSW DSRD
- **Strong motivation** of your team through sharing knowledge and experiences with other leading companies plus the experience of friendly competition
- **Training and experience** for your team in quick changeover practices, so that they can expand Quick Changeover practices company wide
- Opportunity to win **Quick Changeover Awards for Excellence** to inspire your personnel and raise the profile of process improvement activities within your organization. **The overall winner will receive the complete AME "Excellence Library" consisting of 13 Videos valued at US\$1500 which equates to around AUS\$2500.**

AMC BTM Quick Changeover Awards Program will be accepting new participants until 30th June 2003. Enrol now!

The program concludes in November 2003 with the judging of Changeover Improvement Projects and the Awards presentation will take place in early December 2003.



Project Approach

Teams of 3 or more people from up to fifteen companies will be taken through a structured program of **group** training and **individual** on site assistance. This will include:

- 5 half day training and sharing sessions for whole group (includes awards presentation dinner)
- At least 3 half day individual visits to your company to provide implementation assistance on your machines

Companies will have the opportunity to learn both from outside experts and from sharing their own knowledge and experience of achieving changeover reductions of 50-75%.

Each company will **implement** a changeover reduction program on one of their key machines which will become their Changeover Improvement Project for entry in the awards.

Who Should be Involved?

All NSW manufacturing companies interested in making major improvements in Process Flexibility through Quick Changeover breakthroughs.

A team of at least 3 people from each company is required, such as those who carry out the changeovers, those who prepare tooling for the changeover, a fitter, an operator and an engineer or technical support person.

Total Cost per Company

Minimum cost of participation per company is \$3,500 (plus GST). For extra attendees (above 3 people) an additional \$500/person will be charged. There will also be a charge for additional site visits (above 3 visits) if required. **Companies with less than 30million annual turnover may be subsidised by NSW DSRD up to a maximum of \$4,000 (subject to conditions). Contact us urgently to see if you are eligible.**

Program Timing

The Program commenced on 14th April 2003 with entries open until 30th June 2003.

The program ends in November 2003 and the Awards presentation will be in December.

The first 6-8 weeks after joining will be used to select company teams and machines, measuring initial changeover times and undertaking the first half day training in Quick Changeover Principles. Group sharing sessions will commence in July.

Advanced Manufacturing Centre (AMC) & BreakThrough Management (BTM)

AMC and BTM have run quick changeover workshops in Australia, New Zealand and USA over the past 10 years and published articles, diagnostics and training manuals on the subject. The AMC is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to improving the competitiveness of Australian manufacturing working with industry sector groups, running workshops and providing consultancy to Australian manufacturers.

To enquire about the Awards or arrange for your company to join the 2003 Quick Changeover Awards Program contact:

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