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CMTC PARTNERS WITH LEAN HEALTHCARE WEST TO DELIVER LEAN TO CALIFORNIA'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

TORRANCE, CA -- CMTC has long been established as one of the top Lean practice organizations in California with its full service line of Speed-To-Market™ and Energy Value Plus™ services. CMTC is now expanding its Lean suite of services to the healthcare industry through its partnership with Lean Healthcare West. CMTC will be the exclusive California provider of Lean Healthcare West's proven service offerings customized for the healthcare industry.

Lean Healthcare West is the most recognizable organizations of healthcare professionals offering education and implementation of TPS/Lean principles in hospital, clinic and long term care facilities. CMTC's partnership will allow the healthcare industry to draw upon experienced professionals who can help medical facilities apply the principles of the Toyota Production System (TPS) to the delivery of care. CMTC's Lean experts have teamed with Lean Healthcare West to implement principles that will allow hospitals, clinics and physician offices to look at their work differently -- identifying potential savings of time and resources, and eliminating errors.

CMTC will formally launch this partnership with workshops on the Lean process and unique application in the healthcare setting on May 1st in San Diego and May 3rd in Los Angeles. The keynote speaker at both workshops will be Cindy Jimmerson, the founder and president of Lean Healthcare West. Ms. Jimmerson is a pioneer of Lean healthcare, having initiated her work with a grant from the National Science Foundation, 2001-2004. She is the author of the Lean Healthcare West© reVIEW Course and Workbook and has been published in many healthcare industry journals and publications.

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CMTC and Lean Healthcare West draw on the respective strengths of each others' organizations to provide the following benefits to healthcare operations:

- Create a more error free environment
- Reduce/eliminate waste and increase efficiency
- Increase patient and employee satisfaction
- Reduce costs
- Increase patient safety

To speak with someone about CMTC's Lean services for healthcare call (310) 263-3060 or log on to http://www.cmtc.com/lean_health.html. To register for either Lean workshop log on to <http://www.cmtc.com/news.html> and click on the appropriate event. To learn more about Lean Healthcare West visit their website at www.leanhealthcarewest.com.

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