
Summary of Experience

Noel Bon is a senior consultant in major change management & performance improvements with over 25 years experience in European automotive and consulting firms. As a Six Sigma Master Black Belt – Lean Expert and IRCA ISO 9001 certified auditor, Noel's professional background includes extensive experience in managing the educational deployment & implementation of lean/quality management systems. His experience also includes significant work in EFQM excellence model environments & he has played a leading role in multiple strategic organization design/development efforts for major automaker suppliers in both Operations & headquarters functions. He has done extensive training of black/green belts & lean practitioners & has led more than 150 Kaizen events for major chemical, banking & automotive companies in the areas of Supply Chain Planning, Cell Design, IT/Transactional, Change-over Reduction, 5S, Material Replenishment, Value Stream Mapping, etc, resulting in significant improvements in capacity, lead-time, processing time, cost, inventory, and SOX compliance totalling tens of millions (US\$/€) in benefits.

Selected Accomplishments

- Supported at Global Investor Services Bank Operational Excellence program as a trainer and coach resulting in productivity increase with significant reduction of lead time and quality defects.
- Led a lean/6 σ effort focused on waste elimination and defect reduction for one of a global chemical producer's major European facilities to achieve a 4x reduction in quality defects, significantly improve yields and throughput, and realize a step-change reduction in working capital and cost by transferring knowledge via training to a Lean Continuous Improvement Champion (LCIC) network made up of green and black belts.
- Led several Kaizen events at a French agricultural chemicals plant in manufacturing & transactional areas of Supply Chain Planning, Change-over Reduction, 5S, Material Replenishment, Value Stream Mapping & Cell Design resulting in significant improvements in capacity (5-10%), cycle time and inventory reduction (>75%).
- Led an IT kaizen project for a global chemicals firm that resulted in an 80+% reduction in problems/issues (SOX compliance) with an accompanying reduction in workload required to support them.
- Supported the global, world-wide deployment of Lean Concepts, Methods & Tools (integrated into an existing Six Sigma framework) for a major chemicals firm resulting in the training of 3 Lean Practitioner waves in Europe and numerous Lean Introduction sessions involving over 130+ key client leaders.
- Supported a global bearings firm's six sigma deployment that resulted in 5-10% improvements in yield through a portfolio of six sigma projects; also redesigned the logistics process leading to a significant reduction in inventory.
- Led changeover reduction project for global plastics manufacturer (automotive supplier) that reduced cycle time 85% freeing up significant capacity while increasing yields and reducing inventory.
- Led a lean transformation for a major automotive supplier including redesign of the entire factory into product cells (injection molding, painting, control, assembly, packaging) with visual management, kanbans, workload balancing, product flow, pull systems while building capabilities of the workforce & agility of the organization overall.
- Led a lean transformation project for an (automotive supplier) global plastics company across 3 facilities & 600 operators - initially identifying the As-Is, defining the required skills of the new lean organization, and then designing and implementing the training and knowledge management processes to leverage internal best practices & significantly increase workforce skill development.
- Supported the launch of a company-wide Six Sigma/Lean deployment within an injection molding company resulting in the training and mentoring of over 80 Green belts, Black belts, and Lean experts; projects selected increased flexibility by processes yield improvement, cell re-design, 5S and reduced changeover times by 65%.
- Played a leading role in multiple automaker firms' site Excellence initiative EFQM model that delivered third part certification and significant increases in labor efficiency.
- Supported a company-wide Lean Enterprise deployment initiative with a major automotive components supplier.
- Re-engineered CKD vehicles European delivery chain operations with 15-30% on time delivery improvement

Educational Background

Six Sigma Black Belt Certification – ISSSP Scottsdale – US
ISO 9001 Auditor – IRCA London – England
Mechanical Engineer - University Paris – France