



# SECTION 1302 – NEBRASKA

Newsletter  
November, 2006



## November meeting...

- What: **Tour of Duncan Aviation**
- Where: Lincoln Municipal Airport - Service Road Exit- Meet in main lobby
- When: Prior to 6:30. (Tour launches at 6:30 PM)
- Dinner: To follow at Down The Hatch - 5601 NW 1st (Highlands).
- RSVP: By 11/15/06 to Al Schrader at [as71819@navix.net](mailto:as71819@navix.net) or 402-467-3784



**“A common mistake people make when trying to design something foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools”.**

- Douglas Adams, author, The Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy (1952-2001)

## Welcome to the section...

### New members

#### November:

- Robert Dawson
- Russell D. Othling
- Syed F. Quadri
- Tim J. Spitzenberger
- Yan Tie

## Links to Certification Primers and Certification Training Material Resources...

<http://www.asq.org/certification/>

<http://www.qualitycouncil.com/cm.asp>

### Certification Exam dates:

<http://www.asq-1302.org/certification.php>

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## ***Edgerton Award News...***

### **Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Program**

The Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award is the highest level of national recognition for performance excellence that a U.S. organization can receive. The success of the national award program lies with volunteer Examiners. They commit their time to review and evaluate applications as a way to help organizations seek higher levels of excellence.

In 2006 three Nebraskans participated in examiner training and review of applications for the Baldrige program:

- Toni Herrera, Lincoln Plating
- JohnMichael DeBartolo, Nebraska Public Power District
- Dr. Linda Wysong Becker, Union College

One of the considerations for being a Baldrige Examiner is participation in a state-level Baldrige-based program. In Nebraska that is The Edgerton Award program.

The demand for Edgerton Examiners is on the rise! Six businesses—4 health care and 2 service organizations have applied. Examiners are needed to review responses to the criteria for performance excellence. The criteria are outlined in the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Program.

Recently trained and ready to serve as examiners are: Julie Chilcott, Anne Dworak, Terri Fonseca, Harvey Fries, Jolene Hanson, Kevin Hart, Ronald Hein, Eric Johnson, Brad Lindblad,

A second training for examiners is offered on November 13 and 14 at Mahoney State Park in Ashland.

More information on becoming an Edgerton Examiner can be found at <http://www.assist.nededorg/edegerton>



### **THE EDGERTON AWARD**

#### **2006 Program Timeline for Applicants**

May 1, 2006	Submit Eligibility Determination Form
June 2006	Application Workshop
	Site to be determined based on applicants.
June 2006	Application Workshop
	Site to be determined based on applicants.
December 15, 2006	Application Form and Reports Due
February, 2007	Site Visits
April 1, 2007	Feedback Reports Received
May 2007	Edgerton Quality Award Presentation at Business and Industry Day

#### **2006 Program Timeline for Examiners**

May 15, 2006	Registration for Examiner Training
September 15, 2006	Registration for Examiner Training
October 17-18, 2006	Examiner Training
December 20, 2006	Receive Applications for Review
January 15, 2007	Completion of Independent Review and Consensus Meeting
February 2007	Applicant Site Visits & Feedback Reports Completed
May 2007	Edgerton Quality Awards Presentation at Business and Industry Day

For more information, contact:

Jenne Rodriguez

<http://www.assist.nededorg/edegerton>

402-471-3745 or 800-426-6505

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## ***Volunteers in Leadership...***

### **Section 1302 Executive Board members wanted!**

Immediate openings for the following positions:

- Membership Chair
- Program Chair
- Newsletter Editor
- Koalaty Kid Sub-Committee
- Volunteer Excellence Awards Committee Chair

For additional information, please contact Diane Runge at 402-486-9179. Earn extra RU's!

## ***Senior Members....Are you qualified?***

Qualification Criteria:

- Have been an individual member for one year
- Have 10 years of professional experience
- Meet one of four professional criteria

ASQ has changed the benefit options available to Senior and Fellow members. A choice of **one** of the extra benefit options below is included with membership dues of \$119.

- Select one journal of your choice
- Select two divisions of your choice
- Select one additional section of your choice

Download ASQ benefit brochure:

[http://www.asq.org/join/docs/benefits\\_brochure.pdf](http://www.asq.org/join/docs/benefits_brochure.pdf)

Application for advancement to level of Senior Member:

<http://www.asq.org/membership/individuals/senior.pdf>

## ***Calling all Student Members...***

For a mere \$25 a year, you'll have access to ASQ's vast body of knowledge, a unique resource for educating and equipping quality professionals and practitioners to meet the needs of their specific organization. **Student members receive discounts on ASQ products and services.**

### **Books and Publications**

An electronic subscription to Quality Progress magazine, ASQ's monthly flagship publication, is included with student membership.

Other periodicals offered by ASQ's Quality Press, the largest publisher of quality-related publications:

[Six Sigma Forum Magazine](#)

[Journal of Quality Technology](#)

[Technometrics](#)

[Software Quality Professional](#)

[Journal for Quality and Participation](#)

[Quality Management Journal](#)

[Quality Engineering](#)

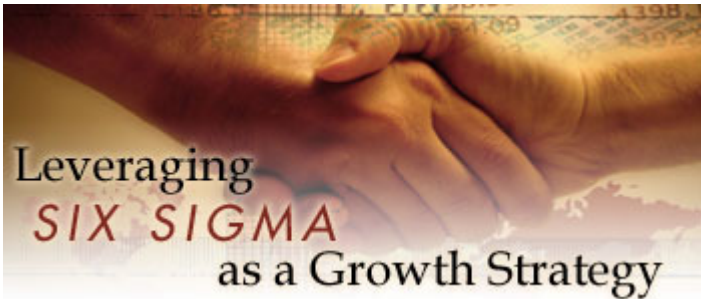
For additional information please visit the following link at the ASQ national website:

<http://www.asq.org/membership/individuals/student.html>



# 2007 Six Sigma Conference

ASQ February 12-13, 2007 • Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort • Phoenix, Arizona



## You Don't Want to Miss this Event!

ASQ's 2007 Six Sigma Conference will deliver a powerhouse of case studies and real applications from a full spectrum of reference points, industries, and organizations to help your organization achieve at its maximum potential. You'll find the answers you need to overcome your organization's challenges at this event—from actual Six Sigma practitioners who want to share their experiences and tools that have affected their bottom line.

### CONFERENCE NEWS

Don't Forget

[Master Black Belt Dinner!](#)

Sunday, February 11

6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Press Release: [Quality Pros Aim for Peak Operating Performance at Annual Six Sigma Conference](#)

Get certified as a [Six Sigma Black Belt or Green Belt](#).

Application deadline:

January 5, 2007

[Showcase your Company](#)

Stand out as a leader amongst your peers, become a sponsor at the Six Sigma Conference of the year! (+)



David C. Everitt, Deere & Company

Monday, February 12, 8:00am - 9:00am



RADM W. Mark Skinner, Commander, NAVAIR WD

Monday, February 12, 4:45pm - 5:30pm



Gregory H. Watson, Business Systems Solutions International, Inc.

Tuesday, February 13, 8:00am - 9:00am

Lieutenant General N. Ross Thompson III

Military Deputy to the Assistant

Secretary of the Army Acquisition, Logistics and Technology

## *Employment Opportunities...*

**Position Title:** Quality Engineer  
**Location:** Seward, Nebraska  
**Reports to:** Quality Assurance Manager  
This opportunity runs through 11/10/06

### **POSITION SUMMARY:**

Perform all quality functions as required by the customer and to meet the needs of the quality management system. Act as a liaison between departments to assure the quality of products shipped from this facility meets customer requirements.

### **MAJOR DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Develops and implements quality systems to prevent failures and deficiencies in products and processes, through advanced quality planning teams and ongoing process monitoring.
- Some travel to customers to establish, maintain and improve customer relations.
- Interact with vendors, including some travel, to assure their products meet the needs of Tenneco.
- Provide coordinated services to ensure timely completion of product submission.
- Maintain and improve the documented system to meet ISO/TS 16949 requirements.
- Field customer concerns and lead corrective action teams as necessary to insure that nonconforming conditions do not recur.
- Supervise hourly employees as assigned in their areas of responsibility.
- Perform job duties in line with company policies, procedures and work instructions relating to ISO 14001 and Safety requirements.

### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- 4 year technical degree, or American Society for Quality (ASQ) certification as CQE (Certified Quality Engineer), or 5 years experience and commitment to attain CQE within 1 year.
- At least 4 years related experience in an automotive original equipment environment preferred.
- APQP, PFMEA, and Control Plan training and practical experience preferred.
- Ability to interpret and respond to business trends and customer requirements, technical procedures, logistical systems, and government regulations.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills. Proven ability to communicate across various levels of the organization and effectively lead teams.
- Good project management, negotiation, problem solving, and computer skills.
- Strong team player with ability to work effectively on cross-functional teams.