

⇒ Worker training

A. Promote LEAN disciplines across all sectors of the Wisconsin economy.

Wisconsin economic success relies heavily on a strong manufacturing and agri-business sector. In order for those sectors to continue to compete in a global market they need to be as lean as possible in their business processes.

Supporting CWI Research:

- A 2005 study by the MPI Group for the Wisconsin Manufacturing Extension Partnership showed that Wisconsin's average output per manufacturing employee is 86% of the national average. Only 10-25% of Wisconsin's small to mid-size manufacturers currently have adopted lean manufacturing principles.

Strategies:

- ☑ CWI will work to increase state support for the Wisconsin Manufacturing Extension Partnership, the Wisconsin Regional Training Partnership, and other similar organizations that provide business strategies to improve manufacturing and agri-business processes and ultimately productivity.
 - Fiscal impact: Governor Doyle's budget contains \$1.5 million in funding for the WMEP program.
- ☑ CWI will also recognize and promote the private sector contributions of organizations, such as the Milwaukee School of Engineering, who are working to promote business excellence.

B. Modernize Wisconsin's worker training programs to prepare new or displaced workers for the jobs of tomorrow.