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AFFORDABLE NEW PRODUCT BUILDS STRONG LEAN FOUNDATIONS



Chicago, IL, September 15, 2003 – PalmTree Inc., has unveiled a new product that will help companies embark on a lean journey in a cost effective and time efficient manner. The PalmTree 5S Kit is designed to provide companies the tools to build a solid foundation for lean manufacturing and its many benefits by following the step-by-step guidelines included in the Kit.

5S is a process defined by a set of terms, each beginning with the letter S, that strive to create a workplace suitable for visual control and lean production. It is the implementation of the process that provides a clean and organized workplace without waste through **separating, sorting, sweeping, standardizing**, and finally by **sustaining** the aforementioned efforts. Implementing 5S not only creates order and improves ergonomics, it also eliminates waste while improving quality.

“Clients previously had to outsource the 5S process at great expense” states Joan Flynn, CEO of PalmTree Inc., “Our kits will allow our clients to increase their productivity and become leaner on their own time and at their own pace.”

PalmTree’s 5S kits, which are available now at www.palmtreeinc.com, include a trainer’s guide, a workbook, checklists and everything else needed to guarantee the successful execution of the process.

“A place for everything, and everything in its place, sounds so simple, yet many companies do not follow this simple concept”, says Flynn. “We put together this kit to give companies a cost effective, do-it-yourself product that will build the foundation for a future in lean.”

PalmTree, Inc. is a Woman-Owned Business Enterprise headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, with an office in San Jose, CA, that serves clients across the globe. PalmTree offers services in Lean Enterprise Implementation and software solutions centered on lean concepts.

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