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Synchron EMS Targets Efficiency Improvements with Lean Implement Project

Florida MEP to assist Melbourne-based electronic assembly manufacturer improve production processes

Celebration, FL: Recognizing that production efficiency is the key to manufacturing success in today's economic climate, Synchron EMS announced that it will embark on a Lean transformation project led by the Florida Manufacturing Extension Partnership (Florida MEP). The project, which will train Synchron EMS's entire workforce, will begin on June 10.

Synchron EMS is provider of "rapid-response" electronic assembly and electronic manufacturing solutions. It serves customers in data communications, telecommunications, wireless and satellite transmission, as well as medical, biometric, and optical industries. Its manufacturing facility, including three high-speed surface mount assembly lines, is located in Melbourne, Florida.

"Synchron is excited to be working with the Florida MEP to train our entire workforce on the principles of Lean manufacturing. Our company's growth has been driven by a commitment to exceptional quality and the highest level of customer service. We see this project to implement Lean as another important step to continually improve the efficiency of our production processes," said Synchron President John Sjolander.

The Florida MEP helped Synchron EMS secure U.S. Defense Department grant funding to support the project.

"The Lean Transformation project will begin with an Introduction to Lean Manufacturing Training for Synchron's workforce, utilizing Value Stream Mapping techniques to identify waste and non-value-added activities in their electronic manufacturing operations. It will then employ Kaizen

events to attack opportunities identified in the Value Stream Mapping activities, We're pleased to be working with Synchron on this new initiative," said Florida MEP Project Manager John Bankey.

Synchron EMS headquarters are located at 1801 Penn Street, Melbourne. For more information about the project, please contact John Sjolander at Synchron EMS or Gene Lussier at Florida MEP.

About Synchron EMS

Synchron EMS is an ISO certified provider of electronic assembly and electronic manufacturing solutions, based in Melbourne, Florida. The firm specializes in low-to-medium volume, high-mix, advanced technology oriented contract manufacturing. Services range from design reviews, prototyping, and new-product introduction to comprehensive supply chain management, test development, and complete low-to-mid volume production of printed circuit and electromechanical assemblies.

About Florida MEP

The Florida MEP is an affiliate of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) under the U.S. Department of Commerce. The national MEP is a network of manufacturing extension centers that provide business and technical assistance to smaller manufacturers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Through MEP, manufacturers have access to more than 2000 manufacturing and business "coaches" whose job is to help firms make changes that lead to greater productivity, increased profits, and enhanced global competitiveness. For more information on the Florida MEP program call 321-939-4000.