

## ISO 9001: 2008 Collaborative

*Are your customers demanding that you become ISO registered?*

*Are you looking for new business opportunities to compete in other global markets?*

Many organizations are being required by their major customers to become ISO 9001:2008 certified to improve their quality performance in respect to their supply chain. The MEP ISO Collaborative Program allows medium – small size companies to undertake the ISO 9001-2008 certification process with the support from a team of experts at an affordable cost.

The collaborative is a unique, workshop-based program that focuses on providing systems, documentation and training in a classroom setting as well as on-site consultation for companies wanting or needing to comply with the ISO 9001:2008 Standard.

### How the Collaboration Works

- Seven off-site, one-day training workshops will be held over a period of seven months – one workshop per month. These workshops will provide the training detail and practical examples for an effective and long-standing Quality Management System.
- Five to seven on-site, consulting days (based on company size) will be conducted at each of the participating company sites.
- A Gap Assessment of each participating company is provided to set the benchmark criteria for a certifiable ISO 9001:2008 Quality Management System.
- Four to eight companies will work together to establish and/or upgrade their quality management systems to ISO 9001:2008.

### Benefits of Becoming ISO 9001:2008 Certified

- Provides a Competitive Advantage over your competition
- Provides bottom line improvement
- Improves business and process performance and manages business risk
- Attracts investment, enhances brand reputation and removes barriers to trade
- Streamlines operations and reduces waste
- Encourages internal communication and raises morale
- Increases customer satisfaction

*Sales Department is making appointments with companies who would not even look at us before we had our certification. We are also looking to expand our business outside New England now. This was a great and worthwhile adventure."*

**Joe Peters, President  
Universal Plastic  
Past ISO Collaborative Participant**

*Join the MEP ISO 9001:2008 Collaborative to gain an advantage to the challenges that lie ahead –*

- *Increasing costs, reduced margins*
- *Uncertain business conditions*
- *Overburdened infrastructure*

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