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IGRAFAX ANNOUNCES AVAILABILITY OF IGRAFAX FLOWCHARTER THROUGH THE LEAN ENTERPRISE INSTITUTE

Leading Lean Education and Training Center adds iGrafx® FlowCharter™ to its Online Catalog of Lean Tools for Lean Practitioners

Tualatin, Ore. — July 21, 2005 — iGrafx®, a leading provider of Business Process Excellence solutions, announced that the Lean Enterprise Institute (LEI), a leader in Lean methodology training and education, has become a strategic reseller for iGrafx® FlowCharter™ 2005, the leading Lean Value Stream Mapping software.

Effective immediately, LEI is reselling iGrafx FlowCharter 2005 through its product catalog available at <http://lean.org/BookStore/ProductCatalog.cfm>. At this site, Lean practitioners can purchase iGrafx FlowCharter 2005 along with leading Lean publications such as *Lean Thinking* and *Learning to See*, as well as training and workbooks for implementing lean tools. For volume purchases, interested parties are requested to contact iGrafx directly at 503.404.6050.

iGrafx FlowCharter 2005 is the leading Value Stream Mapping and process excellence tool designed to support the educational workbooks from LEI. With iGrafx FlowCharter, users have the ability to easily develop maps and diagrams regularly used by Lean practitioners including value stream maps, SIPOC diagrams, layout diagrams and pick charts all within a single tool. Additionally, the value stream maps contain unique analysis capabilities that automatically calculate Lean metrics such as Takt Time, Lead Time, VA Time and Efficiency as well as automatically generating Timelines and Line Balancing charts.

“One of our major objectives at LEI is to create a complete toolkit for Lean Thinkers to use in transforming businesses. The lean toolkit is intended to be a dynamic and continually evolving means of sharing knowledge among Lean Thinkers,” said Helen Zak, COO, Lean Enterprise Institute. “We see the Value Stream Mapping capability of iGrafx FlowCharter to be a potent tool for Lean Thinkers to convert hand drawn maps to electronic format and are pleased to be able to offer this product as a component of our toolkit.”

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“The Lean Enterprise Institute is a renowned, world-wide leader in Lean education and training and those in the Lean community look to them for the best tools and techniques,” said Ken Carraher, president, iGrafx. “We are very pleased to be working with the Lean Enterprise Institute and establishing them as a strategic reseller of iGrafx FlowCharter. With this relationship, the broader Lean community will be exposed to a powerful tool for Lean Value Stream Mapping, as well as overall process excellence.”

About iGrafx

iGrafx provides a comprehensive family of business process analysis tools that help organizations understand, analyze, and optimize their processes for key corporate initiatives including Six Sigma, Lean, Business Process Management (BPM), ISO and Sarbanes-Oxley. iGrafx solutions create a team-based collaborative process visualization and analysis environment that enables companies to achieve and sustain process excellence while increasing their return on investment. The iGrafx process management solution assists in reducing costs, increasing resource utilization, and determining how best to allocate and deploy resources. iGrafx is a division of Corel Corporation.

About the Lean Enterprise Institute

The Lean Enterprise Institute (LEI) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit training, publishing, and research center founded by James P. Womack, PhD, in 1997 to give people simple but powerful tools for applying a set of ideas known as lean thinking. The Institute’s global mission is to be the leading educator for maximizing value and minimizing waste. To accomplish this goal, LEI develops and advances lean principles, tools, and techniques that enable positive change. LEI disseminates this knowledge with the Lean Community through books and workbooks, public and on-site training, its web site <http://www.lean.org> and global affiliates.

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