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Lean Enterprise Team Launched at Ogden ALC
Ogden Air Logistics Center (ALC), a LAI strategic enterprise partner at Hill AFB in Utah, has committed to applying the lean approach at the total enterprise level. Major General Kevin J. Sullivan, Commander of the Ogden ALC, kicked off an executive leadership team for enterprise transformation on Dec. 15, 2003. The team is chartered with conducting an analysis of the enterprise’s current state, defining a future vision, and prioritizing key projects to help achieve that vision. This project is an outgrowth of a successful Lean Now project on purchase requisitions, as well as other lean shop floor maintenance repair projects.

LAI's Lean Academy Inaugurates Rolls Royce, Arizona Workshops
The LAI Educational Network's (EdNet) inaugural Lean Academy plunged 25 interns into a hands-on introduction to lean principles with real world applications June 2-6, 2003. Faculty for the workshop at Rolls-Royce Corporation in Indianapolis, IN, were drawn from the MIT Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics and Perdue's Krannert School of Management. EdNet piloted the initial Lean Academy™ for Instructors, January 12-16, 2004, at Arizona State University in Tempe. This train-the-trainer course covered the pilot curriculum and included a working session to upgrade the curriculum.

LAI's Alexis Stanke Receives Lean Subject Matter Expert Award
Lean champion General Gregory Martin, USAF, presented an award to Alexis K. Stanke, a LAI research engineer, recently in Washington, D.C., for her outstanding efforts as a lean subject matter expert and her support of LAI and its Lean Now program. Stanke, who earned a SM in Aeronautics and Astronautics from MIT in 2001, works on curriculum development, university outreach, and developing and applying enterprise-level lean tools.