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## **MINNESOTA COUNCIL FOR QUALITY AND INVER HILLS COMMUNITY COLLEGE AGREE TO ALLIANCE**

The Minnesota Council for Quality, Minneapolis, and Inver Hills Community College's Center for Professional and Workforce Development, Inver Grove Heights, have agreed to an alliance that will bring several management and organizational improvement courses to Council members at a discount.

"This alliance is consistent with our vision of brokering organizational improvement resources across the state," says Brian Lassiter, president of the Minnesota Council for Quality. "Inver Hills offers many good management, supervisory, and improvement courses. We are excited to work with Inver Hills to bring these courses to our member organizations."

Lassiter continues, "We are also excited to have a partner in the southeast Metro. Along with the U of M's College of Continuing Education, the University of St. Thomas's Management Center, and Century College, we now offer discounted training options for our members in nearly all parts of the Metro. Our focus in the future is to grow our alliances also in Greater Minnesota."

The arrangement entitles Council members to a 15% discount for all Inver Hills management courses. These courses include the 40 hour Management Academy, and seminars on Project Management, Process Improvement, Customer Service, Leadership, Business Ethics, and other related topics.

"We are happy to enter into this agreement," says Dwayne Glenn, Customized Training Consultant at Inver Hills. "As we refine the Management Academy and expand our Leadership Development programs, this arrangement will enhance our visibility, possibly increase our student base, and support organizational improvement efforts across the Twin Cities."

### **About the Minnesota Council for Quality**

Founded in 1987, the Minnesota Council for Quality is a non-profit that helps organizations improve performance and competitiveness. The Council's primary service is a comprehensive organizational assessment that identifies strengths and improvement opportunities and serves as the foundation for the Minnesota Quality Award. In addition, the Council brokers improvement-related resources, information, knowledge, and best practices within and between Minnesota organizations. For more information, please visit our improvement Clearinghouse at [www.councilforquality.org](http://www.councilforquality.org).

### **About Inver Hills Community College**

Conveniently located just 10 minutes south of downtown St. Paul, Inver Hills offers a broad range of liberal arts, career preparation and job skills training programs. Inver Hill's Center for Professional and Workforce Development, which includes customized training and coaching, seeks to serve area businesses through delivery of solutions that maximize the effectiveness of individuals and organizations.

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