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**MINNESOTA COUNCIL FOR QUALITY AND ST. THOMAS'
MANAGEMENT CENTER AGREE TO ALLIANCE**

The Minnesota Council for Quality, Minnetonka, and The Management Center at the University of St. Thomas, Minneapolis, have agreed to an alliance that will bring several quality 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. “The Management Center of St. Thomas offers many high quality courses that focus on organizational improvement. We are excited to work with The Management Center to bring these courses to our member organizations, thereby supporting their improvement efforts.”

The arrangement entitles Council members to a 15% discount for all Management Center quality courses this spring and fall, including Six Sigma Green Belt, Basic Statistical Process Control, Introduction to Six Sigma, and Supply Chain Quality Management.

“We are happy with this agreement,” says Jordan Milan, Client Relationship Coordinator at The Management Center. “This arrangement will expand our visibility, increase our student base, and support organizational improvement efforts across the Twin Cities and state.”

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 product 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.

About The Management Center, University of St. Thomas

As a component of the University of St. Thomas’ College of Business, The Management Center has been providing leading-edge professional development programs and services since 1957. The Management Center offers a wide array of specialized services and more than 750 open enrollment, non-academic credit programs each year. Over 5300 participants from 1100 organizations benefit annually from our application-focused programming. Additionally, The Management Center offers over 250 custom programs annually to more than 1900 participants.

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