



Take Back ManufacturingStory so far..... Mid 2012.

The Society of Manufacturing Engineers has spearheaded this TBM initiative and we started a TBM forum in June 2011 of a broad representation of like minded Canadian technical societies, management associations, trade organizations and educational stakeholders and other interested organizations.

The TBM forum is about getting government, educators and industry leadership to start working closer together.

We have developed a Take Back Manufacturing (TBM) Roadmap to recover our lost manufacturing industries and the TBM roadmap defines what must be done, and what each of us must do to assist in its recovery.

We have raised awareness of the important part the manufacturing sector plays in our economic stability and that we need to support the recovery of a broad manufacturing industry base to provide a more robust platform for sustained innovation and best in class practices, and that without such a base we will not be able to support our economy in a competitive manner into the future.

We have explained how the Direction toward Globalized Manufacturing is wasteful and not LEAN or GREEN and how this approach will soon be superseded by more localized trade clusters or blocs. The prediction by many economists is that by 2015 a new strategy to move manufacturing much closer to a customer base will strongly prevail in most economies, with many corporations now making such plans to undertake this strategy.

We have outlined the TBM roadmap to improve the Canadian business environment, focus and approach to better position all of us for success within the manufacturing sectors as we move toward this new strategy.

TBM will require a combination of policy change/education renewal / business case re-planning, and through an understanding of the true value of the manufacturing environment for our future balanced economy.

We have made presentations to policy makers on the strong policies that will be necessary to support our future manufacturing industries.

A video on the TBM Policy requirements is at:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=WSOVe3w_cVg

The Associated Presentation can be downloaded at

<http://sme-tbm.org/app/download/6851390204/TBM%2Bfor%2BOCEPP%2Bfinal.pdf>

We are now starting to explain to Canadian manufacturers how they can improve their individual competitive position and develop their own TBM journey.

If you have not been briefed on the TBM initiative then go to our website at www.sme-tbm.org and watch the TBM VIDEO

Then.....Take the TBM POSITIONAL SURVEY...

Once you have completed the survey we will provide you with our TBM roadmap to assist you as a manufacturer in your own TBM journey ... Help us help you!

NOT yet an SME Member???..... Then sign-up at www.sme.org

If you would just like more information on the TBM go to ...www.sme-tbm.org

For a detailed outline on TBM please read the [TBM INFORMATION PACKAGE July 2012](#)

For other SME future events we encourage you to go to our SME Toronto website WWW.SMOTORONTO.ca to see local scheduled events or contact our local Toronto SME team.

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