

# Dayton SPIN Meeting - Tuesday, May 12, 2009

**Note: The start time for this Dayton SPIN meeting is 6:00 p.m.**

**Meeting Location: EDS, 4646 Needmore Road, Dayton, OH 45424**  
**Meeting Facilities Sponsored by: EDS, an HP company**

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You are invited to attend the May meeting of the Dayton SPIN. Involvement with the Dayton SPIN is a great opportunity to interact with other engineering, quality and process improvement professionals in your community. There is no cost to attend. Attendees learn new techniques and share lessons learned from their experience. Please extend this invitation to any other persons who may benefit from learning more about how to apply CMMI® and other process improvement approaches in their organizations. Walk-ins are welcome. Door prizes are provided.

## **Introduction to CMMI® Training Course**

The SEI Introduction to CMMI training course will be offered in the Dayton area June 22-24, 2009. Course description and registration are available at TechnologyFirst [CMMI class](#). Please contact Ann Gallager, (937) 229-9072 or Linda Hanaway, (937) 252-9787 for additional information.

**For more information regarding the Dayton SPIN including Educational Events and past programs visit our web site at: <http://www.daytonspin.org/>**

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## **May Program Topic:**

### **“Executives’ Perspective on Process Improvement”**

It is a well known fact in process improvement that any improvement initiatives can only be successful if there is effective and visible sponsorship and leadership.

This session will concentrate on the perspectives and experiences of successful executives, sponsors and managers at two prominent local companies. These executives will be discussing why they are involved, how they make their sponsorship visible, and the benefits they have received, and continue to receive from supporting a strong process improvement initiative.

In the case of CDO Technologies, STS Division, they focused on CMM and CMMI based process improvement for many years but didn't realize any significant results or benefits until they directly connected their operations with their defined processes, and aligned their governance mechanisms with their business and improvement goals and objectives. Don Ertel and Paul Nelson will be discussing the journey they went through in driving this focus and what worked and what didn't.

Attendees are expected to take away tips and techniques to drive process improvement in a way that provides significant and measurable business results, as well as warnings about some of the paths that have not worked for others.

## Speakers:

### Don Ertel

Vice President  
CDO Technologies

### Paul Nelson

Director of Operations  
STS Division, CDO Technologies

### Gene Berry

Sr. Manager of Process and Product Quality  
Ball Aerospace & Technologies Corp.  
System Engineering Solutions-Dayton  
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Don is a Vice President and a founder of CDO Technologies.

Paul is a Director of Operations of STS Division of CDO Technologies

Gene is a Senior Manager of Process and Product Quality at Ball Aerospace.

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## Agenda and Meeting Location – EDS Needmore Road Location

The meeting will begin at **6:00 p.m.** with light refreshments, networking and brief announcements. The speaker program will follow at **6:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in the **First Floor Training Room, EDS Needmore Road location**, between Brandt Pike R201 and Old Troy Pike R202 in north Dayton. From I75 take the Needmore Road Exit 58 and go East. Turn south on Interpoint Blvd, located on the west side of the EDS facility, and turn left into the parking area. **Use your cell phone to announce your arrival by calling 235-8251 or 235-8254.** See the Dayton SPIN web site for an interactive map.

**If you plan to attend, an R.S.V.P. to [davemalas@woh.rr.com](mailto:davemalas@woh.rr.com) would be appreciated.** If this is your **first attendance**, also include the following contact information if you wish to be added to the Dayton SPIN Networking Directory and notified of future Dayton SPIN events.

- 1) Your Name and Job Title
- 2) Company Name
- 3) Preferred Address
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