

2010 MEP Group Practitioner of the Year Award

MEP Trained Brain Team



The MEP Trained Brain Team, which includes Purdue MEP's Rich Meyer, was awarded the MEP Group Practitioner of the Year Award at the 2010 MEP National Conference in Orlando, FL May 1-4, 2010. Nominated by the Trained Brain Center Directors, these individuals were selected based on their excellent facilitation skills, interest in continually improving the system, coaching abilities, sales history and support from their center directors. The Trained Brains have demonstrated that they are essential to the roll out of this initiative across the broad spectrum of MEP centers as well as continuous improvement of the services offered. The importance of their work and the skill with which they have performed it warrant recognition of the Trained Brain team as Practitioners of the Year.

The Trained Brains are 9 members of the national MEP system that have been active in the Eureka! Winning Ways growth programs in their state. They were chosen in 2008 by the Eureka! Ranch (creator of the Eureka! Winning Ways innovation programs) and NIST to test new programs and to help train the national system. The Trained Brains did extensive testing of the new 2009 programs and helped improve the programs before they were launched. They then helped train MEP centers that needed assistance with the new programs, and helped conduct Eureka! Winning Ways Boot Camps to train new facilitators for the program.



MEP Trained Brain Team Recipients:

Rich Meyer, Purdue MEP
Todd Daniels, Montana Manufacturing Extension Center
Patricia Giavara, Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center
Erick James, New York MEP
Ed Maier, Independent Consultant (South Carolina)
Rick Prugh, Missouri Enterprise
Rick Rothwell, Manufacturing – Works (Wyoming MEP)
John Steele, New York MEP
Dave Thomas, MEPOL (Louisiana MEP)