Autoliv and The Autoliv Production System
Thursday, August 14, 2008
7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

The Center for Operational Excellence (COE) invites you to a unique benchmarking opportunity; a visit to the world-class Autoliv manufacturing facility located in Columbia City, Ind. Autoliv is a world leader in automotive safety and a pioneer in seatbelts, child seats and airbag technology.

Autoliv is a Fortune 500 company, with sales of their products to all major vehicle manufacturers. They have more than 80 facilities in 32 vehicle producing countries; employ about 42,000 associates with approximately 4,000 in research, development & engineering. The Columbia plant with almost 250,000 square feet on 17 acres is responsible for steering wheel process development, equipment development, NA steering wheel launch engineering and urethane research and development.

Autoliv's successful fulfillment of their vision and mission is attested to by their receiving the top supplier awards from Toyota, Honda, VW and Ford, last year. Much of their success can be attributed to Autoliv's use of Hoshin-Kanri to deploy the Autoliv Production System through-out their facility. Their success and willingness to share their processes -- provides our member companies this dynamic benchmarking opportunity.

In addition to the plant tour, you will be introduced to the COE Lean Assessment document. This assessment tool was created by the COE and David Hoyte to provide an assessment of a plant's lean journey. Participants will learn the fundamentals of the assessment tool on the morning bus ride with a follow-up discussion of your post-plant tour findings on the return journey.

The COE is excited to offer this day-long trip to our member companies, however space is limited and we ask that you send one representative from your company. (If more seats become available we will notify interested member companies.) Along with this flier is a proposed itinerary for the day. The group will leave the Fisher Campus in the morning and travel by bus to the plant. We encourage participants to wear comfortable, but plant appropriate, clothing.

To register for this event please email Ben Moore at moore_1365@fisher.osu.edu or call (614) 292-1275.