

# Celerant sponsors onesixsigma.com, Europe's leading business excellence information portal

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Ahead of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Six Sigma Summit, Celerant, a leading global management consultancy, has signed a year's sponsorship deal with onesixsigma.com, as part of their ongoing programme to help improve the application of Six Sigma in centres of excellence. Celerant is keen to debunk some of the dogma that surrounds Six Sigma and accelerate its move into the mainstream business community. Celerant sees onesixsigma.com as a strong route to spreading expertise and helping businesses utilise Lean and Six Sigma more effectively.

**Jeff Patton, Capability Leader at Celerant Consulting** said:

*"As the largest provider of Six Sigma services in Europe we believe that Lean and Six Sigma, when applied effectively, can achieve substantial and sustainable improvement in companies' bottom line performance. We believe that many companies put too much emphasis on the learning, belt gaining, process of Six Sigma and not nearly enough time and effort on understanding how to apply Six Sigma and Lean in a way that tackles the major business challenges they face."*

**Sophie Smiles, Director at onesixsigma.com** said:

*"onesixsigma.com are delighted to be working with Celerant. Partnering with leading industry experts helps us to provide high quality information and resources for the business improvement professional. Celerant's expertise and experience in undertaking major Six Sigma and Lean programmes spanning over 15 years means their contribution will be a major addition to the intellectual capital available to our community."*

Celerant believes that Six Sigma is more than simply 'knowing' the theory. Increasingly industries, other than just the manufacturing industry which has traditionally used Six Sigma, are embracing Six Sigma by finding effective and innovative ways of applying it to their businesses. This is especially true of service industries, and in particular one of Celerant's clients, Reuters, who found that effective application of Six Sigma principles has transformed the accuracy of its data in some areas such as information from third parties from 40% accuracy to 99.98% accuracy. In a business that holds over a terabyte of information and where data accuracy is critical, this is of major significance. Celerant will be presenting this case study with Reuters at the Summit.

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## Editors' Notes

- Celerant Consulting (Celerant) is a leading global management consultancy specialising in delivering operational transformation across a broad range of industry sectors.
- Celerant helps leading companies worldwide achieve and sustain real gains in bottom-line performance. The essence of its approach is Closework®.
- In 2006, Celerant delivered over \$1 billion in annualised sustainable savings to its clients. Over the last 20 years, Celerant has become the largest independent firm of business operations consultants with revenues of \$145 million in 2006.
- Celerant was founded in 1987 and employs some 600 consultants working in 50 languages worldwide.
- Celerant works with many of the top 1000 companies in the world across a range of industries including Aerospace, Automotive, Chemicals, Energy, FMCG, Financial Services, Government, Life Sciences & Healthcare, Manufacturing, Metal & Mining, Pulp & Paper, Retail, Telecommunications and Utilities.
- Celerant has headquarters in London and offices in Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the USA.
- For further information please visit the website, [www.celerantconsulting.com](http://www.celerantconsulting.com).
- onesixsigma.com provides independent and diverse information, networking and benchmarking opportunities enabling our members to achieve best-in-class operational excellence and innovation.
- onesixsigma.com focuses on all aspects of Process Improvement and Business Excellence, with particular emphasis on Six Sigma and Lean.
- Whilst growing a thriving online practitioner community, onesixsigma.com continues to strive towards both de-mystifying and raising awareness of the tools and methods which are transforming business performance in Europe today.
- onesixsigma.com facilitate cross-industry best practice sharing for our members in a safe offline forum in Europe, including the UK, France, Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium.
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