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### **New Lean Progress Assessment from TBM Consulting Group Scores Businesses in Key Areas: Leadership, Tools, Supply Chain Management; Offers Insight into Opportunities for Growth, Improved Financial Results**

*Free online assessment will help organizations understand how to better leverage continuous improvement initiatives to achieve full potential.*

**Durham, NC, January 31, 2012**—TBM Consulting has developed a detailed online lean assessment designed to help business leaders validate their continuous improvement (CI) initiatives. The assessment will score organizations on their cultural attributes, their knowledge of which tools to use and when to use them, how well they use lean tools to serve customers and suppliers, and their ability to leverage improvements to achieve and support growth initiatives.

According to CEO Anand Sharma, TBM founder, there is a lack of objective data about the relative value and progress of continuous improvement initiatives.

“A recent survey by RSM McGladrey found that nearly half of continuous improvement executives said their CI initiatives were failing to meet operational and market objectives,” he said. “This new assessment will clearly identify the factors that support lean progress and provide insight for improving a company’s ability to leverage operational excellence to achieve its full potential. It will help benchmark levels of CI implementation, management roles and processes, safety practices, use of visual management processes, responsiveness and flexibility, among other items.”

The assessment takes approximately 15 minutes to complete. To participate and receive individual assessment results, visit [www.tbmleanassessment.com](http://www.tbmleanassessment.com).

#### **About TBM Consulting**

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