



**Roundtable Meeting
Tuesday 23rd of May 2006
Agenda**

The focus

***Waste Elimination OR Improvement of the Value
Adding Activity***



Toyota has maintained a focus on Waste Elimination for the last 55 years. The original reason for the focus was the company was almost bankrupt and laid off 1/3rd of its workforce. Cash flow was critical, Toyota sought to minimize the time from receipt of the order to receipt of cash and eliminate all actions which did not add value from the customers' perspective. Many of the tools were developed as countermeasures to wasteful situations.

The focus of many traditional organisations is to improve the value adding process and ignore the waste in the process, this often involves spending capital on bigger, faster machines.

Changing culture or systems is seen as a highly risky and generally unrewarding process.

This Roundtable Meeting will explore the two approaches and seeks to identify ways of taking a more balanced approach to improvement.

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The Roundtable will discuss

- **What are the budgeted improvements for the business?**
- **Typically how do businesses go about achieving their improvement budgets?**
- **What are the resources available to make improvements?**
 - **Engineering,**
 - **Reliability,**
 - **Process improvement staff.**
- **What are the barriers to improvements?**
- **Why are systems / cultural change improvements so difficult to achieve?**
- **What mechanisms are used to make and sustain systems improvement?**
 - **Engaging people in the improvement process.**
 - **Is there a standard improvement process?**
 - **Does training help or hinder the improvement process?**
 - **How are the improvements sustained?**

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