

# Let's Make Manufacturing Great Again this National Manufacturing Day 2016

*How manufacturers can focus on operations management as the 'secret sauce' that can determine a manufacturer's ability to compete.*

SOUTH LYON, MI, USA, October 7, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- This year's National Manufacturing Day arrives at a most dynamic time with much attention focused on:

1. Initiatives for manufacturers to achieve and sustain both local and global competitiveness through operational efficiencies
2. A lack of new students entering manufacturing careers contributing to expanding 'skills-gap' challenge
3. Looming wave of mass exodus in manufacturing, due to retiring expertise, further widening the 'skills-gap' to a crisis level

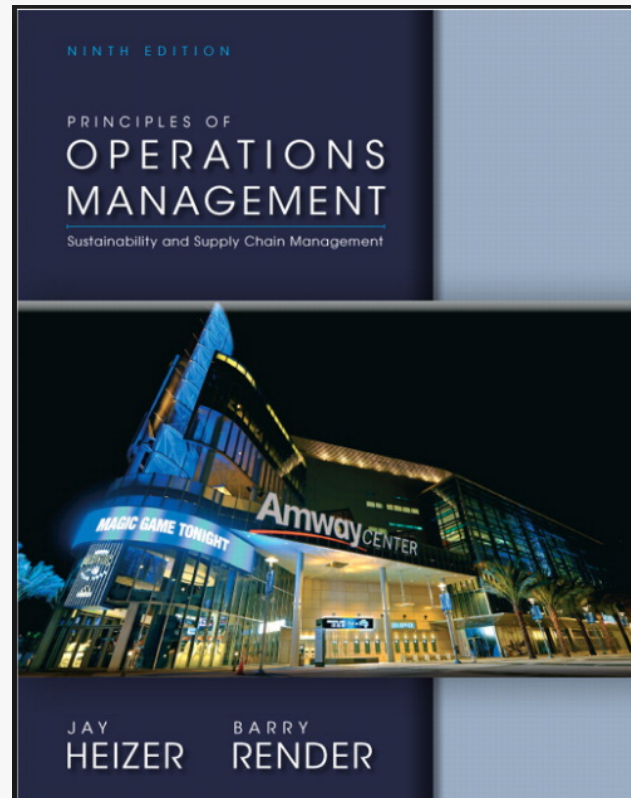
So what can we do to help Make Manufacturing Great Again©?

[User Solutions, Inc.](#), celebrating their 25th year in serving the manufacturing market, continues to do its part by:

1. Working with the Manufacturing Extension Partnership to help manufacturers become more efficient, competitive, and profitable.
2. Investing in the next generation of manufacturing professionals by partnering with leading educational resources in the operations management areas.
3. Creating solutions that quickly and easily capture local manufacturing operational expertise that most anyone else can apply readily and repeatedly.



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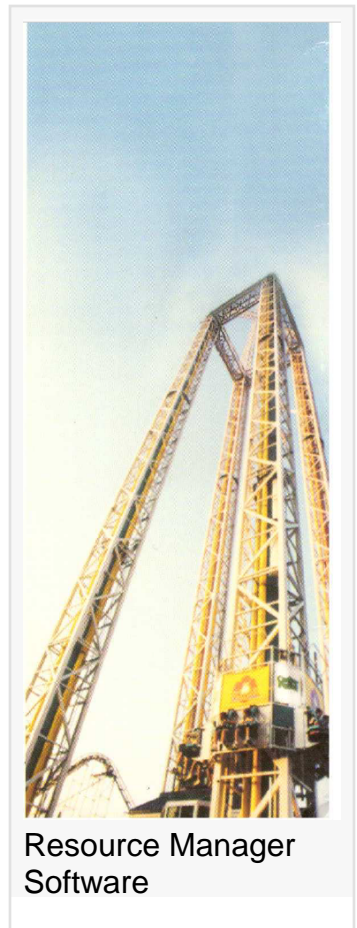
Operations Management

We don't need to wait for new leadership, new laws, new products, or new markets. A major part of any manufacturing organization's bottom line success lies in its ability to produce efficiently, effectively and as fully optimized as possible. All manufacturers would do well to focus on operations management as the 'secret sauce' that can determine a manufacturer's ability to compete. The time is ripe for us to all pull together to work towards this noble goal, and to Make Manufacturing Great Again©.

#### Testimonials-[NIST/MEP Consortium](#)

"The Resource Manager is a great solution for manufacturers who are not ready for a full-blown MRPII, ERP, or Shop Management System but who realize the value of effective scheduling and planning. Resource Manager is unique in that it easily adapts to the way people are running their business today." – Mike Parks, as Director of Georgia Tech's CMIT, an affiliate of the NIST Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP)

Since 1988, the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) works directly with manufacturers to develop new products and customers, expand and diversify markets, adopt new technology, and enhance value within supply chains. MEP provides information, decision support, and implementation assistance to smaller manufacturing firms in adopting new, more advanced manufacturing technologies, techniques, and business best practices.



#### Testimonials-Education Commitment



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Partnership (MEP)

"We have been working with User Solutions for several years to make their resource management tools available to our readers. Students can go online to the User Solutions website and download sample programs that address real-world issues. This allows students to address examples of production planning and scheduling challenges that are difficult to convey on the written page. Our continuing work with User Solutions has been a wonderful aid in providing students with realistic insights into the challenges of production scheduling." – Dr. Jay Heizer A demo program is

available for student use at [www.UserSolutions.com](http://www.UserSolutions.com)

Since 1990, "[Principles of Operations Management](#)" has been considered the premier worldwide textbook in its field. Co-authored by Jay Heizer and Barry Render and published in multiple languages, the text features material on Capacity Planning, Supply Chain Management, Inventory Management, Material Requirements Planning (MRP) and ERP, Production Scheduling, and Lean Production Systems. The book has been and continues to be an ideal reference for both students and professionals.

#### Testimonials-NIST/MEP Customers

Greg Katz, then Vice President of Manhattan Store Interiors, N.Y., enlisted Industrial Technology Assistance Corp. (ITAC), the local MEP affiliate, to help him find a quick and easy solution for his plant's planning and scheduling challenges. ITAC recommended Resource Manager from User Solutions.

"I have been involved in the production of store fixtures for over ten years and every day was a struggle until Resource Manager from User Solutions enabled me to print in one minute what it would take hours a day to communicate. Suddenly I was able to quickly forecast our workload and schedule our shipments for our facilities in a fraction of the time it took before I starting using Resource Manager. As a result of using Resource Manager, we forecast a 20% increase in gross profits next year." – Greg Katz, VP of Manhattan Store Interiors

ACE Controls, Inc., had a requirement to improve their current system and to immediately implement a solution for the day-to-day scheduling challenges of the machine shop. ACE Controls specializes in pneumatic linear decelerators such as those used at Cedar Point and the Power Tower amusement ride. Supported by the NIST/Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center, Resource Manager was selected both for its benefit/cost ratio and for the company's existing Excel platform, already used to communicate manufacturing reports.

"The product is so flexible and adaptable; it is quite easy to model different scenarios to determine if a certain method or schedule can actually benefit our bottom line." – Dave Teumer, Buyer and Scheduling Manager, Ace Controls.

About User Solutions, Inc.

User Solutions, Inc. was founded in 1991 in response to the demand for lower cost, easy to learn and use software solutions for the manufacturing and operations management markets. As either an add-on solution to existing ERP solutions, or running stand alone, their affordable planning, scheduling, and tracking solutions are known for great flexibility, rapid implementation and increasing the knowledge and skill set of those involved with the production process.

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