



370 CONSULTING GROUP RECOGNIZED AS THE GREENVILLE CHAMBER'S JUNE 2011 SMALL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

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(Greenville, SC) The Greenville Chamber is pleased to announce 370 Consulting Group as its June 2011 Small Business of the Month award winner.

370 Consulting Group's specialty is continuous improvement, enabling companies to streamline operations and achieve significant efficiencies in all areas of the business – "shop floor" as well as management and support areas. Specific areas of expertise are training, coaching and hands-on leadership of Lean and Six Sigma activities. Mercedes Bartow is certified as a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt, a Kaizen facilitator and an ISO auditor.

Five years ago, 370 Consulting Group opened its doors in downtown Greenville, SC. In 2008, they expanded with an office in the UK to focus on the European market. 370 Consulting Group has worked with dozens of companies in 13 states and five (5) foreign countries. Mercedes' prior work experience of 13 years at BMW as a manager in finance and the director of internal consulting, as well as her fluency in the German language has been instrumental in the development of foreign business.

370 Consulting Group's clients typically include manufacturing companies as well as service providers in a wide variety of industries such as automotive, steel stamping, military/defense, container shipping, electrical products, food processing, pharmaceuticals, healthcare, hospitals, hospitality, industrial service contractors, architectural engineering, venture capital firms, as well as higher education institutions. Mercedes likes to say that she enjoys living in the "How It's Made" show every day! Today 370 Consulting Group has grown its revenue base ten-fold since inception.

While work commitments may find her traveling to remote locations, Mercedes is a strong believer in community involvement. She has been recognized in the professional community as a leader by organizations such as American Society for Quality, and she serves as chair of the upstate professional society chapter. She was the 2007 winner of the GSA Business Suzanne Thaler Rising Star award. She also chaired the International Lean Six Sigma conference for three years and is frequently invited to share her expertise as a speaker at industry conferences.

Bartow values the importance of giving back to the community and they accomplish this by direct involvement and sponsorship of numerous community and charitable endeavors, such as:

CURRENT: Meals on Wheels Board Member, Treasurer
Greenville Free Medical Clinic Board Member, Secretary

PAST: American Cancer Society gala chairperson
City of Greenville Planning Commissioner

It is also important to note 370 Consulting Group's active support of the Greenville Chamber through Leadership Greenville class 35, active involvement and sponsorship of the annual Industry Appreciation Day, prior Advantage Greenville Steering Committee, Manufacturers Roundtable sponsorship, mentorship of the PULSE Pacesetters program, and five active years of membership.

370 Consulting Group has grown through the recession by successfully enabling companies to find ways to do things better, faster, and cheaper. Laser-sharp focus on creating customer value lies at the heart of what makes 370 Consulting Group a successful company.

Learn more at: <http://www.370consultinggroup.com/>

About the Greenville Chamber's Small Business of the Month Program

The Greenville Chamber recognizes an extraordinary small business at each monthly board meeting. The Small Business of the Month is chosen by a selection committee from nominations provide by Greenville Chamber members. The Chamber's annual small business of the year is selected from the year's small businesses of the month. The 2011 Small Business of the Month presenting sponsor is Charter Business. Nominations can be made at www.greenvillechamber.org.

About the Greenville Chamber

The Greenville Chamber is the largest business organization in the Upstate. The Chamber's mission is to build one of the premier business communities in the world by leading through collaboration, building community prosperity, being the voice of business, and enhancing quality of life. For more information about the Greenville Chamber, call 864-242-1050, or visit www.greenvillechamber.org.