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Implementing Lean successfully takes a good understanding of some of the more strategic tools within Lean. We will discuss the importance of some of the more strategic Lean tools like Policy Deployment and Value Stream Mapping and also the importance of creating a Lean culture to support the endeavors of the organizational changes.

Melanie Sudduth recently transitioned into a Regional Vice President role with the South Carolina Manufacturing Extension Partnership. Prior to this position, she was a Professional Business Advisor and Director of Lean Healthcare for 8 years with SCMEP. She specializes in Lean, Problem Solving, Strategic Operational Planning, Culture Change and Executive Coaching. She is an experienced facilitator, coach and trainer. Melanie was a graduate of GE's Operation Manufacturing Leadership Program, GE's Corporate Leadership Program for future leaders of GE. Her manufacturing experience with GE was in Gas Turbine Power Generation. Melanie holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Engineering from Clemson University.