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## **CONNSTEP CREATES, RETAINS 1,338 MANUFACTURING JOBS IN CONNECTICUT**

(Statewide) – CONNSTEP, the state’s leading resource for Lean and Green manufacturing, business growth services and quality management systems, released its latest economic impact figures for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The numbers indicate that CONNSTEP’s services have helped Connecticut manufacturers create or retain 1,338 jobs during that time period.

Additionally, these same manufacturers reported \$123 million dollars of increased sales and \$200 million dollars of retained sales, for a total of \$323 million in overall sales impact after working with CONNSTEP.

CONNSTEP reported \$11 million dollars in client cost reductions and \$24 million dollars of company reinvestment. “While we are proud to showcase the benefits of CONNSTEP services,” said Bonnie Del Conte, CONNSTEP’s president, “We know that the results would not be possible without the dedication, creativity and drive to succeed that our clients demonstrate despite these challenging economic times.”

These impacts are reported for fiscal year 2009. These figures are client reported through an independent third-party audit of the NIST/MEP System.

### About CONNSTEP

CONNSTEP’s mission is to help Connecticut manufacturers apply advanced technology and modern management methodologies to become more competitive. Since 1994, CONNSTEP’s innovative programs have helped hundreds of manufacturers annually, and have assisted in the creation or retention of thousands of jobs. CONNSTEP’s team of manufacturing specialists provides business growth, technical and process improvement assistance. Core service areas include Lean Solutions, Enterprise Growth Services, Environmental Management/Clean Manufacturing, Quality Management Systems, Business Assessments and Culture and Change Management Solutions. CONNSTEP is sponsored by the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development and the U.S. Department of Commerce through the national Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) program in the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

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