

## AEC Provides Yellow Belt Training to UTA IE Students

The graduating class of Industrial Engineering students at the University of Texas at Arlington was looking for an opportunity to gain real-world insight into Lean and Six Sigma practices.

As luck would have it, two AEC Industrial Engineering interns, Cesar Valenzuela and Israel Ramirez, are students in this class. Both Cesar and Israel have recognized how their internships at American Eurocopter have increased their experience with and understanding of Lean and Six Sigma. They proposed to Lisa Townsend, AEC's Director of Industrial Engineering and Continuous Improvement, to have the senior class attend Yellow Belt training at American Eurocopter, and an opportunity was born.

On March 6, 22 Industrial Engineering students from UTA attended our one-day Yellow Belt training course at our facility. Julie Turner and Gabe Gutierrez, AEC's Yellow



Belt Trainers, presented the course and guided the students through the training. The students commented that this provided some insights to real-world applications and allowed them to see how American Eurocopter is using value-driven processes to increase business success.

Erick C. Jones, Associate Professor of Industrial & Manufacturing Systems Engineering at UTA (and PhD, P.E., CSSBB), also attended the training. "I can say as former University Director of a Lean Six Sigma Black Belt Certification program and a certified American Society of Quality Six Sigma Black Belt, the two trainers were excellent and really integrated how the value must be drawn out with the process for the company to be successful. I want to thank American Eurocopter for its efforts to provide 'real-world' knowledge to IE students at UT Arlington."