

PROFESSIONAL-IN-TRAINING AWARD

MATTHEW WHEATLEY, EIT



Mr. Matthew Wheatley graduated from the University of Manitoba in 2007 with a B.Sc. in Computer Engineering. During his fulltime studies, he balanced his busy academic commitments with equally challenging athletic commitments that included earning the role of captain of the Winnipeg South Blues Jr. Matthew became a Student member of APEGM in September 2005 and an Engineer-in-Training (EIT) in February of 2007.

In January of 2006, Matthew was hired on a part-time basis by E.H. Price Ltd. Initially he worked within the Customer Service Department as a Mechanical Estimator where he provided strategic quotations for custom products to their customers. Within a very short period of time, Matthew distinguished himself as someone with excellent communication skills and an outstanding ability to recognize and eliminate inefficiencies in a process.

By April of 2006, Matthew completed his studies and became a fulltime employee of E.H. Price Ltd. Soon after his transition to fulltime, after repeated demonstration of his commitment and ability to execute, he was the company's candidate of choice for the Customer Service Manager role that opened in July of 2006; which he enthusiastically accepted.

In Matthew's role as Customer Service manager he had the challenge of managing 40% growth in demand. Recognizing the current processes were manual and not well suited to support the long term growth of the department, he led an initiative to write and implement software that would both standardize and streamline the quotation process. It wasn't long after starting his initiative that Matthew realized streamlining the quotation process would get him only so far. It had quickly become evident to him that if he was going to keep up to the ever increasing demands, the optimal solution was to focus on effectiveness rather than efficiencies. He accomplished this massive undertaking through the hiring of three EITs who had recently graduated from the University of Manitoba's Computer Engineering program.

In February 2008, a value stream manager position opened up within the Operations team. Again, Matthew's successful can-do track record made him an excellent candidate for the position. As a value stream manager, Matthew responsibilities included both the administrative and production areas of the business. Essentially, he was in control of a \$6M plus business. Matthew held the value stream manager position until very recently; when he was promoted to the position of Product Manager, whose primary responsibility is to drive the growth of strategic product lines.

Throughout his academic studies and professional career, Matthew has been actively involved in several committees, some of which include sitting on council for the University of Manitoba Engineering Society (UMES) and filling the role of treasurer for IEEE Gold.

Additionally, Matthew has spent numerous hours volunteering his time to help promote the profession. His breadth of service includes judging school science fairs and attending school barbeques, answering questions from inquisitive students during engineering week, managing the company hockey team, and membership of the company Wellness Program Leadership Team.

The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Manitoba is pleased to present the Professional-in-Training Award for 2009 to Matthew Wheatley, an exemplary individual, committed to his community and to his profession.