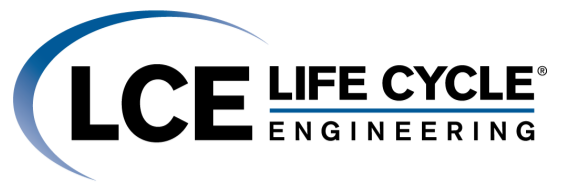


# FIVE THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN AN EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT PARTNER



The first step in a continuous improvement journey is an assessment that captures an accurate picture of your current state of operations. A professional partner will be able to execute an assessment faster, with more accurate results, using proven tools and work processes. Here's what to look for as you choose an external partner.



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Does the partner have proven experience conducting assessments like the one you need?



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Do they have a database of past assessments and industry benchmarks that can be used to score and compare your current state to best-practice performance?



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Have other companies used this partner's assessment tool to plan and execute successful continuous improvement initiatives?



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Who actually completes the assessment? Data gatherers who use a simple Q&A format or subject matter experts who can use a conversational approach to collect information and evaluate responses?



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Does the partner have the expertise to evaluate your organization's financial and operational performance? Thorough analysis requires industry experience and an understanding of finance, engineering and operations.

An assessment can be used to quickly diagnose where the biggest issues and opportunities for improvement lie. Fixing the most critical gaps first will help you reduce risk and achieve financial returns that exceed the cost of performing a thorough assessment.

Interested in discussing how LCE could assess your operation and help you plan improvements? **Contact us at [info@LCE.com](mailto:info@LCE.com)**