

DATE: **March 27th, 2009**
TIME: **11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**
PLACE: **Dorsey-Ewald Conference Center**
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Rod Greder, Ph.D. is an international trainer, speaker and consultant in the area of new product development. Dr. Greder serves on the board of the Product Development & Management Association of Minnesota, is co-chair of the Biotech SIG of Life Science Alley and writes a bi-monthly column on product development for Manufacturer's Alliance. He is a member of the American Society of Training & Development and teaches marketing, new products management, creativity and innovation, and project management and product development at St. Thomas, Hamline and the University of Minnesota.

Rod consults and provides training on innovation, cross-functional communication, NPD metrics and best practices, change management and new product discovery, development and launch. He also facilitates a monthly peer-to-peer forum for leaders of product development and product management that focuses on best practices, benchmarking and breakthrough insights.

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