

TRIG Engineering wins Competitiveness Improvement Award in Aerospace Sector

TRIG Engineering, plastics machining specialist and part of the ENSINGER UK group of companies, has been presented with a Competitiveness Improvement Award by the West of England Aerospace Forum (WEAF) in conjunction with the Society of British Aerospace Companies (SBAC).

The award is a result of TRIG's 'lean manufacturing' initiative which is the driving force in TRIG's continuous improvement programme. The programme aims to maintain and improve customer focus and remain a globally competitive supplier whilst facing increasing competition from Eastern Europe and Asia.

The 'lean' project involved every employee in the company attending a lean awareness day before a team of eight people from different areas of the business ran the 'masterclass activity' focusing on one component in the company's wide range of products.

The team's progress was monitored each month by the WEAF and SBAC until completion of the project over several months.

Results from the programme were superb, some of which are detailed below:

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| • Delivery performance | Improved to 100% on time |
| • Distance travelled | Reduced to 300 metres (from 976 metres) |
| • Process steps | Reduced to 17 (from 69) |
| • Complex information flow | Simplified |
| • Lead time | Reduced to 15 days (from 68 days). |

Manufacturing manager, Gary Davies said "This is a wonderful achievement and will surely keep TRIG Engineering at the forefront of world class manufacture. There are, of course, further steps to the project. In fact – the hardest work is yet to come with the implementation of lean manufacturing through all processes and for all products. It's an exciting challenge for every employee to make the methodology of 'lean' become a part of the company culture."

Photograph below.

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The TRIG Engineering 'Masterclass' receiving the Regional Competitiveness Award from the WEAFF in conjunction with the SBAC.