



Lighting the Way to Continuous Improvement

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RIMES Background

- 501c3 Not For Profit Corporation
- 13th Year of Operation
- Small to Mid-Sized Rhode Island Manufacturing Establishments
- 700 Rhode Island Companies
- Continuous Improvement, Growth and Technical Engineering Services

RIMES Results

- Client impact reported from 2006 to 2007 resulted in:
- Increased Sales - \$2,497,439
- Retained Sales - \$5,392,439
- Cost Savings - \$4,427,375
- Investments in Plant or Equipments - \$2,730,750
- Investment in Information Systems - \$154,000
- Investment in Workforce Development - \$669,131
- Investment in Other Areas - \$141,000
- Avoidance of Unnecessary Investments - \$391,750
- Savings on Investments - \$2,706,705
- Jobs Created - 25
- Jobs Retained – 137

Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership

- Department of Commerce
- National Institute of Standards and Technology
- 59 Centers in 393 Locations
- 1600 Business and Manufacturing Specialists

About MEP

- Collaborative Public-Private Partnership
- 2500 Affiliate Partners
 - Workforce Development
 - Economic Development
 - Technological Applications
 - Manufacturing Specialists
 - Business Specialists

MEP Strategic Direction

Framework for Business Growth

- Sustainability
- Technology Acceleration
- Continuous Improvement
- Workforce Development
- Supplier Development

Technology Acceleration

- Accelerating opportunities to leverage and adopt technology is key to long-term business growth and productivity

Matchmaking

- Supplier Scouting – Manufacturing Firms, Entrepreneurs, Partners
- Technology Scouting – Federal Labs, Universities, Design Firms

Matchmaking Barriers

- Player Identification
- Translation
- Intellectual Property
- License Agreements

RI Partnership

- RIMES, RIEDC, RISTAC and RISBDC
- Create forum for education
- Entrepreneurs, manufacturers, researchers
 - Doug Hall Event
 - Innovation Monday Participants
 - Brown University and University of Rhode Island

MEP Services

- Profit 101
- Eureka Winning Ways
- Merwyn Business Translation
- Merwyn Business Forecasting
- USA National Innovation Marketplace –
MEP Launch April 2009

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