

# Continuous Improvement - Lean Manufacturing Kaizen

Services	Deliverables
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lean Manufacturing Kaizen</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>4 Hour event for 4-6 participants</li></ul>

## Continuous Improvement Lean Manufacturing Kaizen

*"Implementing change for the good"*

Kaizen is an intensive focused approach to Process Improvement. Kaizen means to change for the better or "continuous improvement" This continuous improvement methodology combines Lean Manufacturing Tools such as the 5S's of Workplace Organization and Standardization, Quick Changeover, Value Stream Mapping, Performance Measurement, TWI, and Pull/Kanban, Each tool incorporates team empowerment, brainstorming, and problem solving to rapidly make improvements to a specific product or portions of your processes.



Prior to the Kaizen Event The AKA Team will work with Company to identify and prioritize opportunities for Kaizen events and organize the cross-functional work group for each event (a typical work group for a production line Kaizen would include line workers as well as representatives from engineering, maintenance, scheduling and marketing, as appropriate). In addition, the AKA Team will conduct the Kaizen with the identified cross-functional work group and guide the work group to implement Lean concepts throughout the event.

During a Kaizen, individuals and work groups will generate improvement ideas, test solutions, and implement changes on one line or portion of the manufacturing process. The results of the Kaizen are real-time implementations planned during the half day event. In addition to the immediate improvements to the process that result from the Kaizen, participants will also develop a list of other improvement opportunities that can be investigated and implemented afterwards.

### Benefits of the Kaizen are:

- Immediate results
- Involvement of the workforce
- Visual, action orientation
- Smooth implementation due to Team concept
- Fosters communications
- People think from a business perspective

"Our Kaizen events... garner praise from every visitor we have through our facility and improve the moral Of our employees."

Phil Warren  
VP Manufacturing

The company will provide the classroom and refreshments for participants and the AKA trainer.

