



Testimonial:

“AKA has helped our workforce go from a reactive to proactive mindset. Thanks to AKA, our workforce now actively looks for opportunities to make a difference, morale is high, and employees want to become more involved. Employees want to see that they made a difference; and because of AKA assistance with streamlining our processes, employees can see changes they thought of today, tomorrow!”

Darren Kidd, Warehouse Manager
Outdoor Venture Corporation

Company Profile:

Outdoor Venture Corporation is a 40 year old company with four manufacturing locations and 230 employees. The main focus is on military contracting with a concentration on soft and hard wall shelters.

Situation:

The tacking department is scattered throughout the Academy Plant, resulting in extra handling, poor inventory control, and lost time. Due to the small parts and ease of loss and/or misplacement of these small parts, these issues are particularly a concern.

Solution:

An Innovation Engineering Blue Card was submitted by one of our utility operators and turned into the Innovation Engineering black belt for Outdoor Venture. Once this was reviewed, it was worked through the Innovation Engineering process and finalized. The solution was the centralization of all tacking equipment and jobs in front of the main office area for supervisors and management.



Direct Results:



30% increase in production



15% decrease in loss



Eliminated overtime



Productivity increased



Efficiency was significantly better



Best physical inventory for plant