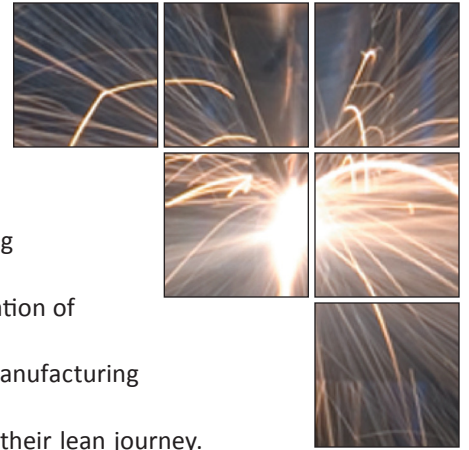


Begnaud Manufacturing, Inc.



BEGNEAUD Manufacturing has a long history with MEPOL. For more than a decade MEPOL has provided a wide range of services to the Lafayette-based sheet metal company, including equipment training, internet solutions, lean workshops and growth programs. With the creation of the Center for Lean Excellence (CLE), a partnership between MEPOL, the Association for Manufacturing Excellence and Louisiana Economic Development, BEGNEAUD was re-engaged to continue their lean journey.

Most recently, BEGNEAUD has completed a five-part training event, funded by CLE. The company held three principles of lean courses and a value stream mapping course to address lowering costs and eliminating non-value added activity. “There was a lack of alignment in our infrastructure,” said Donald Begnaud, founder of BEGNEAUD Manufacturing. “This training was needed to get all our employees communicating and collaborating.”

COMPANY OVERVIEW

- ▶ 306 East Amedee Drive, Lafayette
- ▶ Precision sheet metal job shop
- ▶ 75 employees
- ▶ Established 1978

IMPACT

- ▶ \$20,400 in cost savings
- ▶ \$50,600 invested in workforce development
- ▶ \$50,000 in unnecessary investments avoided
- ▶ \$7,000 invested in other areas
- ▶ One job created

MEPOL'S CONTRIBUTION TO OUR SUCCESS

- ▶ Three, Lean 101 classes held to train 45 people
- ▶ Value Stream Mapping class to train 10 people



“Our partnership with MEPOL/CLE provides BEGNEAUD with a strategy for quality and lean business practices. With a strong focus on training, we’ve been given the appropriate tools that enable us to build a solid business culture. This culture will lend itself to our success as we enter the 21st Century.”

Donald Begnaud, Founder