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Brunson Instrument Company Achieves ISO Certification

Brunson Instrument Company, Kansas City, is one of only a very few American companies that specializes in industrial measurement. The 78-year old company helps solve measurement problems for manufacturers of large machines, including aircraft, paper mills, satellites, ships, machine tools and particle accelerators.

Brunson's customers need to measure very large objects within thousandths of an inch. This is where Brunson's portable, high precision, large-scale, 3-dimensional measurement and alignment products are required. For instance, an aircraft manufacturer must be sure that curvature of a wing section made by one supplier is correct and will fit precisely with a fuselage that is built by another supplier.

With the assistance of Missouri Enterprise, Brunson Instrument Company recently received certification of its ISO 9001:2000 Quality Management System.

ISO9001:2000 is an international standard that focuses on quality management and addresses what a company must do to enhance customer satisfaction by meeting customer and applicable regulatory agency requirements.

"ISO certification confirms that the company's quality system is an integral part of its business practices," said Brunson Vice President Richard Powell. "We made the decision to pursue ISO certification as a part of our commitment to our company's strategic growth," Powell said.

Brunson Quality Manager Pamela Fest, who led the company's efforts, said ISO certification enables the company to compete for work where a certified quality management system is seen as an essential requirement.

Powell praised Brunson employees and Missouri Enterprise for their work in the certification process. "Missouri Enterprise helped us understand the ISO project," he said, "so we were able to

avoid false starts and unnecessary work and to finish on time and on budget."

Brunson is currently working with Missouri Enterprise Project Manager Curt Lopez to meet the additional requirements of ISO/IEC 17025:2005, which are specifically for testing and calibration laboratories. Their ANSI/ISO 9001:2000 certification was performed by CRS/SAI Global Registrars.

Brunson Instrument Company was founded in 1927 in Kansas City and since 1960, the company's Kansas City office and factory has been in a 220,000 square foot facility carved out of a limestone bluff. The underground facility helps provide precise temperature, humidity and vibration control.

Representative Clay Visits Marquette Tool & Die Company



On October 31st, the Honorable William Lacy Clay, (D-1st Dist), left, visited Marquette Tool and Die Company, a Missouri Enterprise client. Marquette Tool and Die is an ISO 9001:2000 certified manufacturer of metal stampings, fabrications and assemblies primarily for automotive OEMs. During the visit and plant tour, Rep. Clay and company officials, including President Don Freber, right, discussed the company's operations, its products, customers and the challenges facing domestic suppliers in the automobile industry.

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TAG Team Uniforms Selects Missouri Enterprise To Help Continuous Improvement Program At Licking

TAG Team Uniforms is a fast growing Licking, MO, manufacturing and marketing company that outfits both male and female athletes of all ages throughout the U.S. and Canada with an emphasis on quality products and excellent customer service.

Their product line includes uniforms and gear for baseball, track, lacrosse, football, volleyball and basketball, which are sold through an extensive network of 50 TAG Team dealers. These dealers employ 417 sales representatives throughout the U.S. and Canada. Team jackets were also recently added to the product line.

The company has selected Missouri Enterprise to evaluate current operations and to develop a plan for an aggressive continuous improvement program including employee training and implementation of "Lean Enterprise" principles at its Licking facility.

According to TAG Team Uniform President Stan Morrison, the company's continuous improvement effort is intended to help it maintain and strengthen its position in the highly competitive global marketplace. It's also needed to support the rapid growth. TAG Team Uniforms tripled its sales this year and will double those sales in 2006.

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waste across a company and eliminating those activities that do not add value to a product or service.

The assessment will focus on the company's leadership, its team-based culture, structure and communications and its dedication to continuous improvement, Morrison said.

The implementation plan will incorporate a variety of industry "best practices" and state-of-the-art techniques to improve the flow of material and information through the facility.

Missouri Enterprise Project Manager Dr. Robert Sickler will supervise the evaluation and plan development.



Sandy Routh, quality control manager at TAG Team Uniforms, examines one of the company's jerseys at its Licking facility.

Tacony Corporation Launches "Lean Enterprise" Project

Tacony Corporation, with assistance of Missouri Enterprise, has launched a training program designed to enable employees at its St. James plant to use advanced "Lean Enterprise" tools and techniques in continuous improvement efforts.

"Lean Enterprise" is a systematic method of identifying activities that do not add value to a product and eliminating those activities across all of a company's operations.

At its St. James plant, Fenton-based Tacony Corporation manufactures Riccar and Simplicity brand vacuum cleaners. The company makes a variety of other consumer and commercial products.

Tacony St. James Plant Manager Jim Fleming said the training is being specifically designed for the company and is intended to help the company eliminate waste, increase productivity and strengthen its position despite global competition.

Root cause analysis, value stream mapping, probability distribution, design of experiments and data collection are examples of the tools and techniques included in the project.

Missouri Enterprise Project Manager Steve Andriano is assisting the company in the project which is scheduled for completion in the spring of 2006.

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