

TAESL TRANSFORMATION UNDERWAY

The Lean transformation at Texas Aero Engines Ltd. is officially underway. TeamSAI consultants have been working since early February making preparations to begin the execution of an 18 month series of Lean blitz events on the shop floor designed to reduce turn times in support of the Rolls-Royce 45 Day Wing to Wing initiative. The first blitz event started on March 24th and the results have been dramatic, with many high tenured technicians commenting that “they have never seen anything like the magnitude of change they are seeing now”. In conjunction with the blitz events, enhanced kitting solutions have been developed which will ultimately facilitate the transition to a pull production system.



“TAESL CEO Greg Young is leading the charge to transform this business and the connection he is developing with the front line employees will create lasting change,” said TeamSAI Vice President Mike McBride. Keep an eye out for upcoming editions of the Lean Team Newsletter for more information on the TAESL transformation.

OFFICE KAIZEN

In January of this year TeamSAI executives decided to turn the focus of their Lean efforts on themselves. The company’s Lean consultants had developed an “Office Kaizen” program late in the 4th quarter of 2007 and the leadership team decided to beta test the new offering on the TeamSAI headquarters in Lakewood, Colorado. As it is with all TeamSAI Lean engagements, the event was tailored to meet the immediate needs of the organization and implement long term solutions designed to continuously improve operations. The Lakewood staff was exposed to Value Stream Mapping, 5S, Standard Work, and other Lean tools during the course of the event and the outcome was impressive.

**Lean Words of Wisdom For
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“It’s only the last turn of a bolt that tightens it - the rest is just movement.”

~ Shigeo Shingo

“Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication.”

~ Leonardo da Vinci



TeamSAI CEO Chris Doan commented that he hardly recognized the place when he first returned to the office after the event. “Everything is so orderly and the visual management components tell me what I need to know if I need something in the office, this will work wonders in engineering, planning, and other support areas,” Doan said.

If you are interested in talking to TeamSAI specialists about Office Kaizen or other TeamSAI Lean offerings, please contact the Lakewood office at 303.987.3454.



TeamSAI VP & Principal Mike McBride will be leading a workshop at the Lean/Six Sigma for Service & Support conference in San Francisco July 28-30. Sponsored by IQPC, this is one of the most widely attended Lean/Six Sigma events of the year.

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