Next Generation Value Creation at ADVO

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Repeatable Process?



Improvements Possible

Key results to be expected with a soundly implemented and well maintained "kaizen."

Immediately:

- 20% 30%
- 30% 40%
- 30% 50%
- 10% 20%
- 50% 60%
- 10% 20%
- 70% 90%

Increase in productive capacity Increased equipment uptime Reduction in space rqmts. Reduction in purchased costs Improvement in product quality Reduction in WrkComp Accrual Reduction in WIP inventory

Cost Per Hour Analysis (1994 - 1998)

(1998 Stnd Hrs and Then Year \$)



Direct Labor Productivity 1994-1998 Volume vs. Direct Labor



Earned Hours

--- Employment

Indirect Labor Productivity 1993-1998 Volume vs. Indirect Employment

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COST

ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Key Principles - Examples

Capital Efficiency – Gateway vs Dell

Strategic Integration Model

Our Choice

- Poor standards deliver <u>Ugly</u> results/rewards
- Good standards deliver <u>Poor</u> results/rewards
- Excellent standards deliver <u>Good</u> results/rewards
- Outstanding standards <u>Take</u> all the rewards

Dimension: Work Flow

• The enterprise process called "Order-to-Cash" is our foundation.

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Targeted, customized training strengthens analyst skills to meet customer needs

Purpose and Products

Purpose:

- To use the visit to Pratt & Whitney North Berwick as a thought and possibility stimulator
- In a way that creates a broader perspective about change and improvement
- So that at an individual and group level there will be greater clarity about direction and intention for improvement of ADVO.

Products:

- Expanded perspective on change approaches
- Greater sense of possibility for process and outcomes
- Increased unity to act
- Appreciation for the question that the day is intended to answer

Topics covered

- World Class Manufacturing...concepts and factory application
- Self-initiated work systems
- Compensation structure
- Maintaining healthy workforce relations
- Centrality of IR
- Financial implications of World Class Manufacturing and work design

- No comp. schemes without work design
- No work-design without Kaizen
- No Kaizen without inclusion
- No inclusion without clarity and constancy of purpose

What is the Unanswered Question that Brings Us Together?

 Some thinking, belief, issue, challenge has brought us together since the visit to North Berwick. This is not a random event.

• What is the question that we are trying to answer?

Understanding the Specifics of What We Want to Leave With

- What is it that you want to learn?
- What beliefs do you want to challenge in your own thinking?
- What beliefs do you want to challenge in the approach that is being taken by ADVO today?

Business Imperative

 What are the business challenges/imperatives facing you?

Overriding Governing Beliefs

ALL EFFORT SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO

• IMPROVING THE RELATIVE COMPETITIVE POSITION OF THE ORGANIZATION

• ASSURING THAT EMPLOYEES ARE TRULY IN A POSITION TO MAKE A PERSONAL CHOICE ABOUT WHETHER THEY STAY WITH OR LEAVE THE ORGANIZATION... Really being employers of choice.

Belief

- Pursuing best in class concepts increases the value of the business and helps people have more choice because the skills are highly marketable.
- All that a person carries out of the organization is in their heads--this is where true personal value resides.
- Being an employer of choice implies creating conditions for employees in which they have true choice.
- We employee people in our organizations to improve the way work is done, not to do the work itself.

Challenge 1: Get a HPWS foundation in place that demonstrates attention to performance, capability and sustainability. Challenge 2: Get results quickly to build return and confidence.

Our Mantras

1) Develop a process that is as <u>big</u> as the organization can tolerate without breaking and as <u>fast</u> as it can go without braking.

2) Be <u>principle based</u> and have the process model the end state we want to create.

The Formula in N. Berwick

Linking HPWS and Best-in-Class Concepts and Processes

TO ACHIEVE THE GREATEST SYNERGY IN ANY CHANGE EFFORT IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT HIGH POTENTIAL ORGANIZATION PROCESSES AND THINKING ARE LINKED TO THE PURSUIT OF BEST-IN-CLASS OPERATING AND BUSINESS CONCEPTS

A Few Key HPWS and Best-in-Class Operating Concepts

world class operating concepts

- jit (takt, pull, flow)
- one piece flow,
- cellular production,
- set-up reduction,
- worker flexibility,
- kanban
- autonomation
- poka-yoke
- 5S
- standard work
- visual control

HPWS/technician system

- thinking drives behavior drives results
- hierarchical processes-focused accountability
- teaming
- pay for work and demonstrated performance
- disciplined thinking
- continuous development

continuous improvement

A Few Examples of Our Guiding Principles

- Only use processes and approaches which we could look back on and honestly say were "high performance"
- Create a high level of stake in and stewardship by the entire work force for the approach
- Develop complete control over personal behavior and manufacturing processes to insure long-term discipline to processes
- Develop a progression and reward system that will be in place to support new work systems when the demand for it becomes manifest
- Secure results as fast as possible so that the improvements pay for themselves; balance creating and doing as close in time as possible
- Remove some element of personal pain for every individual-every individual will experience at least one real benefit

A Brief History

• There was assembly line *flow*......

And we had functional departments......

Tutorial: Best-in-Class Operating Concepts

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Flow

%-Load Chart Basics

Tutorial: Flow

Assignment #2

- Described
- Spaghetti vs. co-located
 - Begin Kaizen-
- Mapping exercise
 - Kinesthetic rep. walks the flow and gathers symbols
 - Visual and auditory reps create spaghetti chart
 - Sequence the symbols on your table for a picture of flow
- Match cycle-times to flow map for graphical representation of flow...gray side up

A Brief History

- Now we are adding supporting tasks required to *maintain* "daily flow of material"
- And also beginning to produce with attention given to continuous improvement

Production Work Cell

Grinding Work System

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- Criteria Based Objectives generic for each "work system"
- Checklists, portfolios and projects cell/work community specific
- Multi-Purpose Tools
 - * Training
 - * Demonstrating skills
 - * Evaluating performance

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Production Work Systems

- * Grinding
- * Thermal Spraying
- * Machining
- * Welding
- * Heat Treating
- * Plating
- * Assembling, Application, Bonding

Support Work Systems

- * Industrial Waste Treatment Services
- * Steam & Power Site Support
- * Protective Services
- * Administrative Support

Layoff Security Zone

Seniority within a security zone.

Value Tree

Beliefs:

- Ultimately our efforts must impact margin and / or cash flow.
- Making direct connections between change efforts and the value tree gives the work a sustainable context.
- Greater the understanding and focus on value tree at all organization levels, the greater the potential for positive change.

The Value Tree Summary Sales NOPLAT Labor * UGS **Materials** * COS Depreciation * **Overhead** * SGA ROIC * Working Capital Invested * Plant, Property, Equipment Capital Other net assets *

Why IR is Important outcomes Material Flow Quali

Range of Roles

The Domain of Possibility

Immediate Impossibility

In closing, lessons learned

by the Plant Manager

Adopt a "nothing to lose" attitude. The crisis is already there...whether you recognize it or not.

Design tension into your leadership team.

Clearly separate yourself from practices not suited for the future.

Use an "inclusive" process to make changes.

Learn from others and create "models" so people can see the vision.

Renounce the past. "The old way is gone." Create "one-way" gates.

- Flow is in
- Cells are in
- 5-s is in
- Visual is in
- TPM is in
- Flexibility is in
- Teaming is in
- Doing "white collar" tasks is in
- Self-funding your increase\$ is in
- Best-players play is in

Relentlessly pursue performance and deliver results.

Possible Next Steps

Leadership session describing 2005 end-state

