



# Environmental Opportunities

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# CONNSTEP Background

## Mission and Target Market

- CONNSTEP's mission is to help Connecticut manufacturers apply advanced manufacturing and management techniques to become more competitive, supporting the growth of the Connecticut economy.
- The target market is mid-size manufacturing operations in Connecticut

# Services

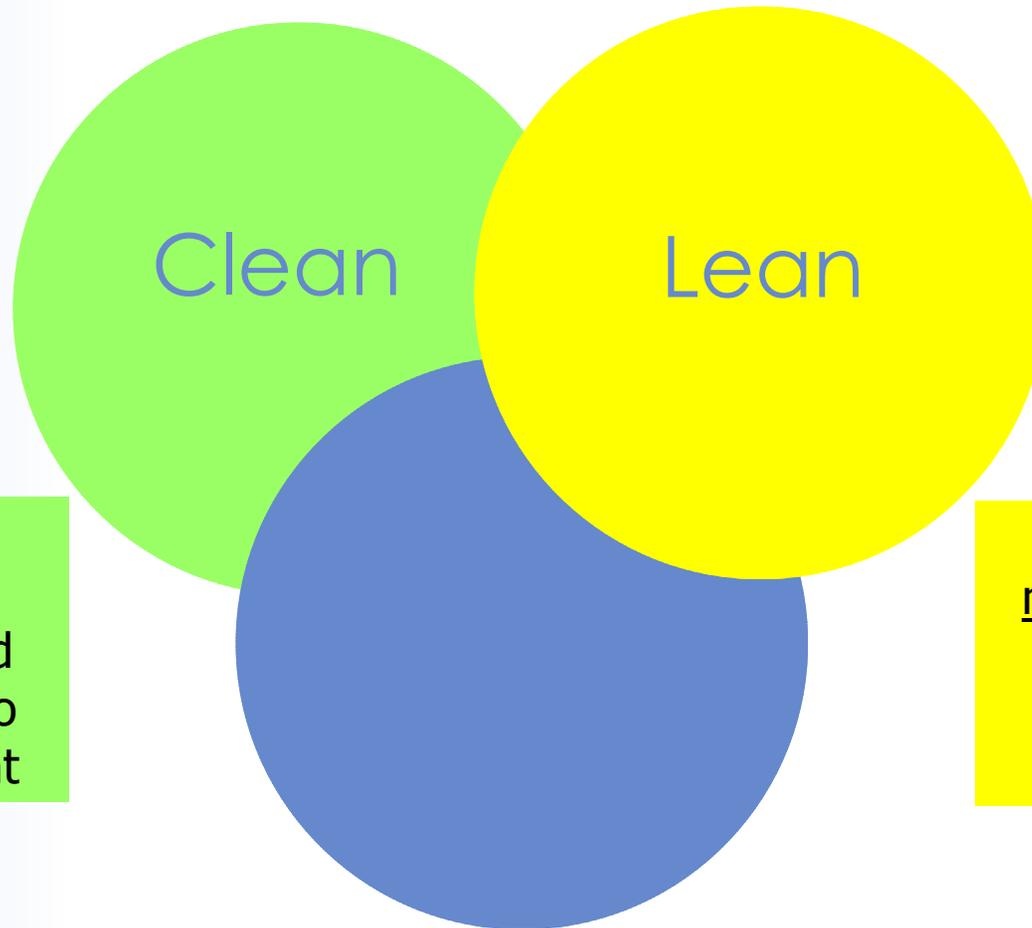
- CONNSTEP's core competency is manufacturing business process improvement
  - Lean Enterprise Services and Six Sigma
  - Quality Managements Systems (ISO, etc.)
  - Environmental and "Clean" Manufacturing
- Management and technology services
  - Culture, Change Management, People Systems
  - Marketing
  - Strategic Planning
  - Access to technical knowledge
  - Support for startups

# What Is Waste?

Waste is “anything other than the **minimum** amount of **equipment, materials, parts, space, and worker’s time** which are absolutely necessary to **add value** to the product.”

- Shoichiro Toyoda, President, Toyota

# Seeking to Eliminate Waste



Maximizes resources to reduce *cost* and lessen impact to the environment

Eliminates non-value added activities to maximize efficiency

Standardizes work to meet customer expectations

# Defining Clean Manufacturing

Clean is:

A systematic approach to eliminating waste by optimizing use and selection of resources and technologies while lessening the impact on the environment.

# Clean Manufacturing Services

- Material Resource Selection and Optimization
- Process Improvements
- Energy Management
- Water Conservation
- Assessments and Audits
- Regulatory Compliance
- ISO 14001, Environmental Management System (EMS)

# Combining Lean/Clean Manufacturing

effects

overproduction

waiting

non-utilized resources

transportation

inventory

motion

extra processing

full use of Raw Material

energy Efficiency

water conservation

eliminating Toxic Material

reduction of:

- Packaging Wastes
- Emissions to Air and Water
- Solid & Hazardous Wastes
- Regulatory obligations and risks

# The Need for Lean & Clean



- Dual pressures on American supply chains today
  - Global competition leading to loss of manufacturing jobs in US. Companies must eliminate waste in order to reduce costs and become more responsive to customer needs
  - Greater pressure on companies to minimize environmental impact

# International Drivers for Clean

- **WEEE Directive**
  - Requires producers of electrical and electronic equipment to finance collection arrangements for their products at the end-of-life
- **RoHS**
  - Restricts use of lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls (PBBs), and polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDEs)

# Clean Success

## Case Study #1



Company:

Manufacturer of high-end brass hardware for kitchen and bath cabinets.

Rework and scrap in the plating and clear coating department was identified as a bottleneck and very costly.

## Case Study #1



### The Clean Solution

#### ■ Recommendations

Worked with the company to develop process control standard procedures in the plating and coating departments.

#### ■ Results

- Increased production rates from 112,000 to 116,400 per month
- Cut process water from 5,500 to 3,700 gallons/day
- Decreased chemical costs through improved bath maintenance
- Reduced hazardous waste generation – less product being stripped

# Clean Success

## Case Study #2



Company:

Company manufactures non-ferrous coax cabling, connectors, and antennas for the cell tower industry.

Company needed alternative packaging options to:

- Reduce lead and cycle time
- Protect the silver plated parts from tarnishing

## Case Study #2



### The Clean Solution

- Recommendations
  - New handling procedures to prevent tarnishing
  - Reusable packaging to eliminate need for plastic bags
- Estimated results
  - 600 hours/year of unpacking eliminated
  - 720,000 bags not being purchased and disposed



# Green Suppliers Network (GSN) Program

- Provides Lean and Clean technical assistance to small and mid-sized manufacturers
- Expands the traditional Lean definition of waste from eliminating non-value added time, labor, money to include environmental wastes (energy, emissions)
- Key partners
  - US EPA
  - Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP)
  - OEMs and its suppliers

# OEMs

- **Healthcare/Pharmaceutical**
  - Baxter Healthcare, Pfizer, Johnson and Johnson, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Abbott, Wyeth and Roche
- **Automotive**
  - General Motors, Daimler/Chrysler
- **Aerospace**
  - UTC, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon, Pratt & Whitney, Lockheed-Martin, Boeing, GE Aircraft Engines
- **Office Furniture**
  - Herman Miller, Steelcase, Hon AllSteel, Haworth, Kimball, Light Corp.
- **Farm/Construction**
  - John Deere
- **AMTRAK**
- **Others**
  - Appliances and Truck & Buses

# Program Approach

- Top-level operational benchmarking assessment
- Value stream and process maps to identify sources of waste
- Facilitated opportunities sessions
- Full facility energy assessment (CT)
- Final report of opportunities with cost benefit analysis

# Aerospace Results to Date

Project Activity Update	
Impact of Opportunities – Results Identified by 5 Completed Projects	
Cost Savings from Environmental Impact Opportunities	\$1,325,841/yr
Energy Conservation (MM BTUs)	53,561
Water Conservation (Gallons)	3,329,459
Cost Savings from Lean Opportunities	\$3,671,957/yr
Cost Savings from One-Time Business Opportunities	\$1,840,825
Cost Savings from Other Opportunities	\$124,222
<b>Total Potential Cost Savings</b>	<b>\$5,122,020</b>

# Project Costs

\$7,000 Cost Of Review

\$2,500 EPA Program Discount\*

\$4,500 Total Cost To Supplier For GSN Review

\$2,500 CONNSTEP for CT defense suppliers

\$2,000 Total Cost For GSN/DoD Review

\$1,000 Credit Toward Implementation Assistance\*\*

\*Suppliers Must Qualify Under SBA Definitions

\*\* Work must be coordinated within 3 months of facility review through 360vu provider

# Why Successful?

- CEO/top management involved starting with Operational Assessment
- Facilitated team based activity
- Looks holistically at waste – not just lean measurements or P2 efforts
- Builds upon the operational improvements identified in the Review

# New Haven EMS Project

- 1996 National Air Toxics Assessment identified New Haven County as the second highest in New England
- 2004 New Haven Community Clean Air Initiative identified surface coating and degreasing as one of the largest contributors of HAPs
- Plating, polishing and fabricated plate work accounted for ~22% of the total emissions inventory
- Partners – City of New Haven, EPA, CONNSTEP
- Received grant from EPA for EMS implementation

# Why EMS?

- Puts infrastructure in place for compliance, pollution prevention, continuous improvement
- Looks at whole facility
- Puts the “E” in every ones job
- Sets objectives & targets for continuous improvement

# New Haven EMS Project

- Interactive training sessions
- On-site assistance to develop or strengthen an existing EMS
- Focus on reducing the emissions

# Questions?