

Continuous Improvement - Lean Assessment

Services	Deliverables
• Continuous Improvement – Lean Assessment	▪ Up to 8 Hour Event and Written Report

AKA's Lean Assessment

This assessment is a key first step in implementing Lean manufacturing. It also provides a useful “snapshot” of the current status of your facility. The AKA team member will visit and tour the client’s facility, walking/tracking the flow of product through the facility. The AKA team member will also interview key staff members to determine where the plant lies in the arc of the Lean journey. This can be a 4 to 8 hour event.

Some of the categories the AKA professional will review are as follows:

1. Factory organization, standardization, and layout
2. Supplier management
3. Scheduling
4. Equipment set-up management and tracking
5. Utilization of KPI's to manage the business.
6. Maintenance
7. Education and training of personnel
8. Inventory management
9. Communication of work standards
10. Quality performance
11. Team concepts
12. Visual controls



Key Objectives: When Possible the AKA representative will:

- Observe key tooling changeovers
- Watch the flow of goods within the facility
- Review work instructions
- Review various equipment records
- Review quality records

Output:

Upon completion of the Assessment, the AKA member will write a report outlining their findings. This report will include pertinent data and potential cost savings where appropriate.

Benefits of the Assessment are:

- Professional review of the factory status.
- Documented report of the findings.
- Points out next steps during a Lean implementation.
- Gives the client a common perspective from which to operate.

