

Testimonial:

“Overall, between the ISO and GMS initiative, TRB has realized over \$12MM in impacts from working with AKA in the past 12 months alone. The GMS program has allowed employees to flirt with a business idea, engage their peers for review, and then learn from this process enabling successful projects to be implemented quickly and efficiently. The amount of ‘ah-ah’ moments make the process a great way to gain insights from all aspects of business; the customer experience, in house encouragement as well as the fiscal ramifications of decision making...all in an open environment that allows for failure and vetting.”

Tom Jones, President
Taper Roller Bearings

Company Profile:

Taper Roller Bearings (TRB) was founded in 1972 designing complex tapered bearing assemblies, and built a company with the speed and precision to serve a full spectrum of clients. Today’s bearing assemblies are put to work everywhere from precision scientific equipment to assemblies for railroad engines. years.

Situation:

TRB, being a small manufacturer was in need of bringing “best manufacturing practices” to all facets of our business. Getting all 23 employees to a place to allow them to see that their opinion matters, and their ideas can be valuable, is always a challenge. TRB was in need of assistance to bring that “one voice mentality”, mentorship, and general assistance to allow TRB to become the manufacturer it has the potential to become.

Solution:

We began working with the Advantage Kentucky Alliance (AKA) in the fall of 2013 with assistance to become 9001:2008 compliant. Afterwards, we continued with implementing the Growth Management System (GMS) to empower our team and bring structure and focus to our activities. GMS has allowed our production area input in their surroundings giving them the power to implement change seeing immediate results. Now all elements of our business are incorporating the GMS philosophy, changing the culture of our company to a proactive empowered workforce.



Direct Results:



12% Improvement in the Product Assembly Area.



\$10M in Retained Sales.



\$200K in Cost Savings



\$350K in Increased Investment



Avoided \$25K of Investment in Unnecessary Equipment.



\$20K in New Product Development