

MISSISSIPPI MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION MANUFACTURING EXTENSION PARTNERSHIP (MMA-MEP)

MMA-MEP is a non-profit division of MMA that provides services to help Mississippi manufacturers be globally competitive. MMA-MEP is one of 51 state Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Centers funded by the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Manufacturing Extension Partnership (NIST MEP). With our manufacturing experts and network of industry resources, we help manufacturers implement change that makes the significant difference between surviving and thriving. MMA-MEP is a catalyst for strengthening American manufacturing and accelerating its ongoing transformation into a more efficient and powerful engine of innovation driving economic growth and job creation. Our Community College and University based MMA-MEP Mississippi Centers provide small and medium-sized manufacturers the tools to innovate, create and retain jobs, increase profits, and save time and money. MMA-MEP provides a wide array of services to Mississippi manufacturers in the key areas of:

- Growth services
- Lean optimization
- Polymer services
- Quality systems
- Industrial engineering solutions
- Workforce solutions
- Strategic solutions
- Pollution prevention (P2) and sustainability solutions

ECONOMIC IMPACT

MEP Center impacts are based on clients surveyed in FY2023



\$13.2 Million

Total Increased/Retained Sales



597

Total Increased/Retained Jobs



\$30 Million

New Client Investments



\$13.7 Million

Cost Savings

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BSP FILING SOLUTIONS - SITE MASTER PLANNING PROJECT

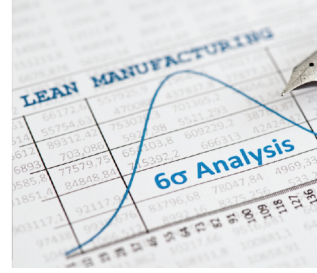
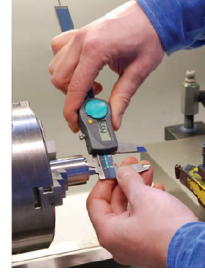
ABOUT BSP FILING SOLUTIONS. BSP Filing Solutions, located in Kosciusko, Mississippi, is a manufacturer of paper-based filing products. The plant produces several thousand variations of primarily file folders, from general-use, large-scale production runs, to very specialized industry-specific products, with smaller lot quantities.

THE CHALLENGE. BSP consisted of a 78,000-square-foot production facility and a 77,000-square-foot warehouse, separated by a half mile. The frequent truck trips between these locations, compounded by the need for additional resources, resulted in significant operational inefficiencies. BSP sought the assistance of MMA-MEP's affiliate center, Mississippi State University CAVS Extension (CAVS-E), part of the MEP National Network™, to evaluate their current manufacturing and warehouse space and make recommendations on layout designs to improve the efficiencies within their organization.

MEP CENTER'S ROLE. MSU CAVS-E collaborated with BSP on a site master planning project to understand and document current production challenges while simultaneously evaluating the physical infrastructure requirements for a proposed consolidation. With the support of MSU-CAVSE, BSP created a layout of their warehouse facility capable of accommodating all their operations. Over a subsequent six-month period, they successfully relocated all operations to this consolidated location. This move resulted in streamlined workflow by eliminating the need for travel between separate locations and mitigating communication issues arising from this physical separation.

"Our collaboration with MSU-CAVSE changed the trajectory of our business and helped open the doors to new opportunities. CAVS has been, and will continue to be, an extremely valued partner."

-Andrew Frank, President/Owner



RESULTS



6 created or retained jobs



\$250,000 in new or retained sales

