

POLARIS MEP

Polaris MEP is a statewide non profit organization that provides competitive manufacturing business improvement programs to grow RI's manufacturing industry. Polaris MEP is an affiliate of the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Manufacturing Extension Program (NIST MEP) and a business unit of the University of Rhode Island Research Foundation.

Polaris MEP provides one-on-one consulting, public workshops and in-house training ranging from process improvement and workforce development to business practices, supply chain integration, innovation, and technology transfer. Polaris project managers, offering years of experience across several industries, guide manufacturers to sustainable growth, innovative technology strategies and cost efficient operations. Polaris local industry experience, national connections and global market access, make the difference in helping companies to realize their goals.

ECONOMIC IMPACT

MEP Center impacts are based on clients surveyed in FY2020



\$121.2 Million

Total Increased/Retained Sales



901

Total Increased/Retained Jobs



\$24.5 Million

New Client Investments



\$5.1 Million

Cost Savings

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TAYLOR BOX COMPANY EXPERIENCES POSITIVE RIPPLE EFFECTS FROM POLARIS MEP TRAINING AND GUIDANCE

ABOUT TAYLOR BOX COMPANY. Since 1885, the award-winning designers and producers of Taylor Box Company have combined the exacting craft of box making with the world's most advanced manufacturing equipment in Warren, Rhode Island.

Their approach to packaging combines this history with the uncompromising commitment to creating packaging that captures the essence of a brand. Their design and manufacturing facility remains on the cutting edge of design and production. Their team uses high-speed autoplatten die-cutting, large format foil stamping, and revolutionary Emmeci box and case-making equipment to support customer projects from the idea phase all the way through to your premium, brand-defining packaging.

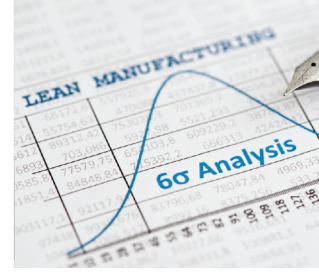
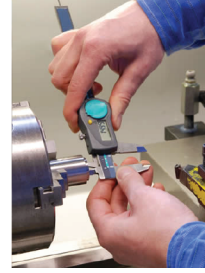
THE CHALLENGE. To support their commitment to continuous improvement and consistent production of image-enhancing paperboard packaging, the Taylor Box Company engaged with Polaris MEP, a NIST MEP affiliate, on a number of initiatives, culminating to with Internal Audit Team and Quality Management System Steering Committee Training.

MEP CENTER'S ROLE. Polaris MEP put together a program to mentor and guide the company's QMS process by working with their QMS manager and administrator, acting as a sounding board for questions, and making recommendations needed to assure a dynamic, responsive process for continual improvement.

Polaris MEP helped lead, train, coordinate, facilitate and support the QMS Manager, the Internal Audit Team and QMS Steering Committee with management and non-management personnel in Taylor Box Company. Polaris MEP worked with the company to develop impacts, measures and outcomes, with progress communicated on a frequent, formal and regular basis. This engagement, in addition to prior Lean Manufacturing and Quality Management System training from Polaris MEP has helped the company continue to exceed quality standards and excel in a highly competitive space.

"The cumulative impact of multiple continuous improvement and QMS engagements with Polaris MEP is sizable, positive and ongoing."

-Dan Shedd, Owner



RESULTS



\$1,450,000 in new or retained sales



12 new or retained jobs



\$450,000 in cost savings in labor, materials, energy, overhead, or other areas

