

COMPANY OBTAINS ISO CERTIFICATION IN JUST 7 MONTHS

ABOUT LYNAR CORP. Lynar Corporation is a small, family-owned manufacturer in Allentown, Pennsylvania, with a focus on the machining of castings. Since 1980, Lynar Corporation has met the most demanding machining requirements by providing expertise in engineering, machining, milling, turning, and additional services. Lynar's state-of-the-art CNC equipment operates 24 hours a day, 5 days a week, to service customers in the northeastern and Midwestern U.S. The company has around 30 employees.

THE CHALLENGE. Lynar found itself needing to become ISO certified to better serve its customer base and expand its penetration within core markets. The company turned to the Manufacturers Resource Center (MRC), a NIST MEP affiliate, for assistance. MRC identified two possible consultants to aid Lynar in the ISO implementation process. Company leaders evaluated the two consultants, as well as one of their own, and selected a standards expert, WCH Professional Services, to spearhead the project.

MEP CENTER'S ROLE. Lynar mobilized a capable, independent team that worked well with the consultant to produce excellent results. "There were three individuals on our team—our plant manager, quality manager, and myself," says Lynar's Vice President of Operations, Chad Lesko. The project kicked off in November 2015 with a goal of achieving certification in June 2016. In addition, the WCH consultant agreed with the Lynar team's desire to pursue the new 2015 standard "Most consultants were trying to get us to go with the 2008 standard," Lesko said. In addition to introducing Lynar to the WCH consultant, MRC also assisted with financing. By helping the company to secure funding through the Workforce and Economic Development Network of Pennsylvania, MRC made it possible for Lynar to move the project forward without undue financial stress.

"WCH was very flexible with us," said Lesko. "We met weekly in the beginning of the project to craft policies that would enable us to comply with the standard. From there we gradually met less frequently, as we became more self-sufficient." The Lynar team gained an understanding of key metrics and ways to monitor scrap and productivity. The company decreased scrap, increased productivity, and obtained ISO certification in just seven months.

"We would have never met our goal of achieving ISO 9001:2015 certification without help from MRC."

-Chad Lesko, Vice President of Operations

RESULTS



ISO certified in 7 months



Increased understanding of key metrics



Decreased scrap rates, 5% increase in productivity

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