

NOBLE TOOL CERTIFICATION, CYBERSECURITY AND LEAN

ABOUT NOBLE TOOL CORP. Noble Tool is a tooling manufacturer dedicated to filling their customer's gage, fixture, and precision machining needs. Noble Tool has more than 30 years of experience serving the medical, aerospace, energy, armaments and metal working industries. Whether providing their own unique expertise working to customer specifications, Noble Tool is dedicated to satisfying their customer's needs in an efficient and cost effective manner.

THE CHALLENGE. Noble Tool's ownership changed and the new owner wanted to focus on business growth by targeting a number of strategic projects to take the business to the next level. It is challenging to complete special projects while maintaining day-to-day operations. The owner reached out to FastLane, part of the Ohio MEP and the MEP National Network™, to assist with the projects and to provide granting funding for the strategic initiatives. The goal was to renew the AS9100D and ISO9001 certifications, improve cybersecurity IT protection, and implement lean manufacturing.

MEP CENTER'S ROLE. FastLane's growth advisor was able to guide Nobel Tool and assist in the completion of these strategic projects. For cybersecurity, FastLane provided vetted local vendor options that helped Noble to improve their cybersecurity and protect their business assets. To assist with lean manufacturing, FastLanes' continuous improvement specialist assisted the team at Noble tool with boots on the ground as they improved the efficiency in one of the production cells. Lastly, FastLane subsidized part of Noble Tool's AS9100D/ISO9001 certification, which is critical for gaining and keeping sales in the aerospace industry business.

"In the tremendous uncertainty of 2020, FastLane and their Senior Manufacturing Growth Specialist Mary Miller were the calming constant that helped Noble Tool migrate through some key initiatives and helped us with grants towards our AS9100D / ISO9001 certification, cybersecurity IT issues, and lean manufacturing training in our aerospace cell. With their guidance, Noble Tool's future and the future of our employee's looks far brighter."

-Jim Bowman, President & CEO

RESULTS



\$100,000 in increased or retained sales



5 created or retained jobs



\$37,000 in new investment

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