

RURAL MANUFACTURING DOING SOME IMPRESSIVE THINGS

ABOUT L'ANSE MANUFACTURING INC. L'Anse Manufacturing is an AS9100D, ISO 13485, ITAR, and HUBZone registered manufacturer located in Michigan's Upper Peninsula in L'Anse. They provide precision machining and casting machining solutions to companies throughout the United States, serving industries from defense/aerospace, medical device, OEM, and special products. They employ 25 in their facility.

THE CHALLENGE. L'Anse Manufacturing is a small company who depends on its own employees to take on special projects in addition to normal job duties when hiring talent to fill the need is not possible. The "can-do" attitude of the company makes this approach work, but taking on new tasks sometimes requires additional training.

MEP CENTER'S ROLE. L'Anse Manufacturing turned to the Michigan Manufacturing Technology Center (MMTC), part of the MEP National Network™, for project management training. This training helped upskill three key employees so they were better prepared to manage multiple projects more efficiently. Supplementing the hands-on experiences provided by the Continuous Improvement Group (CIG), a lean-focused group that meets quarterly with other like-minded businesses, this training taught employees to approach problem solving from a new perspective and provide thoughtful, constructive solutions.

"CIG has provided a valuable learning experience for both seasoned continuous improvement individuals and new CI personnel."

-Kim Dunnebacke, Cost Estimator / Project Manager

RESULTS



24 new or retained jobs



\$150,000 in new or retained sales



\$50,000 in new investment

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