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Adding Capacity Through Training

Luckily, through the first half of 2009, W Machine Works has weathered the economic storm with few set-backs. Sales are up and we are adding machinery to keep up with demand. But technology is not the only tool we are using to tackle capacity.

Training has remained a top priority at W Machine Works and all employees - regardless of titles - have taken part in training activities - to the tune of more than 2000 hours since November 1, 2008.

Training sessions in Leadership & Culture, Workforce Development and Operational Excellence occurred along side refresher courses on all internal work instructions and procedures. Training needs were also identified in numerous kaizen events.

One kaizen event in particular led to the creation of a 5-Axis cell that has yielded a weekly output of 140 machining hours. Another kaizen redefined the path information takes during the course of running a part - an important step for a company that introduces 700+ new part numbers a year.

This is not a one-time push - but a commitment to continuous improvement - a commitment we take to heart.

This commitment to improving our processes as well as technology will allow us to continue to meet your needs, through the ups and downs in our turbulent marketplace.

