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MFG Day 2015 - Over 270 Students Attended



Bedford County celebrated its second annual Manufacturing Day on October 2. This year, the event was hosted by Kennametal. Despite the cold weather, over 270 students from regional schools attended the event. Similar to last year's event, this year the focus was on educating students about potential careers in manufacturing. Kennametal provided students with a tour of their facility as well as the opportunity to speak with multiple vendors in the area. MDL, JLG, Career Link, and BCTC were just a few of the vendors that attended.

Students were surveyed after the event and around 95% of the students said their favorite part of the event was touring the facility. Many of the students that attended had never been in a manufacturing plant before, so it was a whole new experience for them. One student even wrote on their survey "I thought there would be more dirt." The idea that manufacturing is a "dirty job" still exists and events like MFG Day show the students that this is not always the case. Many jobs in manufacturing deal heavily with computers or computerized components. Overall the day was a huge success and MDL was glad to be a part of it.



Eric Logue, Tyler Miller, and Bill VanDeventer attending MFG Day

MDL Receives ISO 14001:2004 Certification



MDL Manufacturing is now ISO 14001:2004 certified! The effort to meet the goals of the certification included an 8-month long process that meant organization-wide training. MDL employees were fully engaged in the certification.

Joe Metzner, QA Manager at MDL, explains the ISO 14001 certification. "We look at our processes and evaluate what aspects of a process will have an impact on the environments. We then continually improve those processes to reduce the impact they have, therefore reducing our foot print on the environment."

Below is an excerpt from a Press Release featuring MDL regarding ISO 14001.

There are clear advantages to manufacturers that are ISO 14001 (International Standards Organization) certified. "First, we are stating to our customers that we want to do the right thing for the environment," said Doug Lingsch, president and CEO of MDL. "We have a management team that wants to do what's best."

Lingsch noted that many European companies are moving toward the ISO 14001 certification. "For example, Volvo Truck told us they would not use our company as a supplier unless we were ISO 14001 certified," said Lingsch. "Europe leads the charge with this. So many companies are strict when it comes to the environment."

"We hope and expect that this process will mean additional business. For example, we hope to market our services to companies like Caterpillar and Westinghouse," said Lingsch.

"This is the first part of the process," Lingsch explained. "It does cost money and takes time and commitment to meet the ISO 14001 standards. We will slowly chip away at it. It is a continuous, never-ending process. We will continually be looking to improve."

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Certifications

ISO 9001:2008

NEW ISO 14001:2004



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MFG Day 2016

Plans are underway for MFG Day 2016! As of right now the location has not been confirmed, but we are looking to build upon the success of the past two years and educate students and the community about the importance of manufacturing in Bedford County!

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