



The WMEP 5S System

Do you need to find ways for your people to save time and be more productive?

Have you noticed that the shop floor is in a state of disarray and that workers are having a hard time finding tools and/or parts?

Have you been considering making some improvements on the shop floor, but are hesitating because you don't have the time or resources to accomplish them?



The WMEP 5S System is a series of activities designed to improve workplace organization and standardization.

A minimal commitment of resources can provide an immediate return on investment. So even if you're convinced that you're too busy, there's a solution that's simpler than you think.

5S stands for:

- **Sort:** Clean out the work area, keeping what is necessary in the work area, relocating or discarding what is not.
- **Set in Order:** Arrange needed items so they are easy to find, use and return, to streamline production and eliminate time searching for them.
- **Shine:** Religiously clean and care for equipment and areas, and inspect everything while doing so.
- **Standardize:** Make all work areas similar so procedures are obvious and instinctual, and defects stand out.
- **Sustain:** Make these "rules" natural and instinctual through training, communication and total employee involvement. Once they are habits, the total benefit of 5S will be achieved.

The improvement payback of 5S

WMEP has worked with many companies to help them apply 5S and has witnessed dramatic results. We've seen companies:

- Increase on-time shipping to 99%
- Reduce overtime by 45%
- Reduce inventory turns by 67%
- Reduce inventory by 25%.

The direct effect is a bottom-line impact of reducing overtime or increasing customer satisfaction through improved on-time shipping.

We're successful because we want the same things you do including:



Cost & Efficiency - Increasing profitability through waste and downtime reductions, improved materials usage and operations, grant utilization and financial systems.



Growth - Growing revenues by reaching new customers and markets, new product development, exporting, adding capabilities through strategic hires, and improved employee productivity.



Winning Culture - Developing an environment and processes that attract and retain talent, grow employees' capabilities, and create an empowered workforce.



Certification & Compliance - Pursuing certifications that set a company apart as well as certifications needed to fulfill local, state, national and international qualifications and to achieve awards and grants.

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WMEP's Value Proposition

How we're different	Why it matters	How clients benefit
We are an end-to-end solution. From supply chains to sales, we have the capability and networks to positively impact your business.	We understand the contributions of the pieces to the whole and use this understanding to help you optimize your enterprise.	We can identify the most impactful enhancements to make to your business to help you achieve your objectives.
We have extensive experience across all major manufacturing industry sectors in Wisconsin.	Our breadth and depth of experience working on projects and companies similar to yours increases our speed and effectiveness.	It takes less time for our staff to learn your business and objectives. We apply proven solutions to your business challenges.
We are all about manufacturing. We work with everyone and anyone who is committed to the success of manufacturing in Wisconsin.	We get manufacturing, and we're ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work to help you be successful and achieve your objectives.	In addition to our talented staff of experienced manufacturers, we provide access to our extensive national networks of industry experts.
We are evaluated by the results we produce for your organization. Your success is our reward.	Our objectives are aligned. We only recommend solutions that will help you achieve your business objectives.	Since the year 2000 we have generated over \$3.0 billion in total financial impact for our state economy, averaging slightly over \$450,000 per project.

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