



TRUMPF news

TRUMPF Inc. received a Connecticut Quality Improvement Award silver level Innovation Prize at the 15th annual Conference on Quality and Innovation. The award recognizes TRUMPF's work on SYNCHRO, the company's lean manufacturing initiative.

The overall goals of the SYNCHRO project were to achieve a 50 percent improvement in flow time, a 200 percent improvement in productivity, and a reduction in overall quality defects by 90 percent.

As well as three other principles instituted by the president: all improvement measures will be developed and implemented by the employee teams, insuring required qualifications and training are maintained; no employee at TRUMPF will lose their job

or have their salary negatively affected by the changes made, as a result of the lean manufacturing initiatives; and all improvements in efficiency and productivity will be used to fuel continued growth and suc-

cess of the company.

Assembly time has been reduced significantly. Machine assembly time of TRUMPF's largest product line was reduced from 21 days to 10 days. Laser

assembly times were reduced from 45 hours to 16 hours. All manufacturing and operations areas have experienced a 10 percent to 85 percent improvement in workflow and productivity, a 10 percent to 30 percent reduction of work in process, and improved use of manufacturing floor space.

The Connecticut Quality Improvement Award — America's first and oldest statewide quality award — is the state's annual quality award, recognizing Connecticut manufacturing and service companies that excel in managing quality improvement for business success and growth. The not-for-profit CQIA Partnership is a growing group concerned with improving the economic vitality of the state.

Also at the company, The TRUMPF Group, a manufacturer of laser technology and laser systems for industrial applications, has established TRUMPF Photonics Inc. outside of Princeton, NJ. TRUMPF Photonics, a wholly-owned subsidiary of TRUMPF Inc., is dedicated to the development and manufacture of high-power laser diodes. Peter

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Leibinger, chairman and CEO of TRUMPF Inc. in Farmington, will serve as president of TRUMPF Photonics.

TRUMPF Photonics is formed through the acquisition of the major assets of Princeton Lightwave (PLI). These include the production facilities as well as the relevant patent portfolio. Furthermore, TRUMPF has hired a substantial part of the highly qualified PLI staff. The initial TRUMPF Photonics headcount will be 20 employees.

PLI will continue to be active in the telecommunications field. In connection to the transaction, both companies have entered into a strategic partnership.

Also, TRUMPF donated a laser resonator to the Three Rivers Community College in Norwich. It will be used for the photonics curriculum.