Robots and Kaizan

Managing Disruptive Technologies with Lean Principles:
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Why New Technology?

*The public expects it*

The best way to predict the future is to create it. If we do not adopt technology in a judicious way, the public will feel that their tax dollars are being wasted.

*Developed to our needs*

Technology needs to fit our specific processes and mission environment. In some cases the market will move its development to meet our needs, and in others we need to actively engage.

*We have the power*

Public sector support has driven nearly all of what we call innovation. Because we are focused on outcomes, not profits, the public sector can nurture tech. that is useful, but not ready for market.
What Can Go Wrong?

*Change for the sake of change*

Because we could, we have added lot’s of technology that created more work and stress, than value to our processes. Even good technology can be used badly.

*Damage the trust of our process owners*

Pushing technology, without a good transition plan, training, and overcoming the fears of our team, creates distrust and resistance.

*Automating waste*

Adding technology to a work team that is not already practicing Lean can promote even more Non Value Added steps.

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Creating an Environment

**Lean methods**

Use project Charters, and RIE’s, to develop pilots, collect data, and create transition plans. Work cells that are in the habit of implementing improvements are far more likely to be open to and successful implementing disruptive technology.

**Aligned Leadership**

A comprehensive strategic plan, Gembas, and regular meetings to align improvement efforts.

**Rapid Prototyping**

Safe to fail experimentation must become a daily habit. Don’t dismiss the mundane.

People who do what they can with what they do have, don’t waste time worrying about what they can’t do with what they don’t yet have
Moonshine is a “Try Before You Buy” capability
(aka Try-Storming vs. brainstorming)

Do everything to simulate, test and experiment before committing to any solution. The PHYSICAL nature of Moonshine creates ideas previously impossible to attain.

LEARN BY DOING!
Workflow

Your Moonshiners need training in Core Lean Principles. 5S and Cellular flow should always be built into the solution. Green-Belt Certification is a good start.

Ergonomics/ Safety

Use the process to educate, and mitigate risks. Eliminate unnecessary risks such as lifting, and design guarding that is easy to use, even when nobody is watching.

Visual Workplace

Close information gaps, and communicate expectations and knowledge needed to be successfully.
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Opportunities

**Computer Simulation**

Process modelling (discrete event simulation,) Virtual Reality, and Augmented Reality

**Safety**

Shipyards are dangerous places, and technology could remove our workforce from harms way, or reduce the risk while they are in this environment.

**New Methods**

New repair methods could dramatically reduce labor, schedule risk, improve quality, and reduce total cost, including Industrial Waste.
Description: PSNS&IMF has over the last five years increasingly focused on developing computer simulation models for critical work processes. Simulation can improve process understanding and problem solving capability by an order of magnitude. Simulation, whether discrete event, system dynamic, or agent based is very powerful, particularly with the ability to run and test scenarios, see variable interrelationships, perform sensitivity analysis, and design systems for optimization.

Investment: $15K per AnyLogic software license

Benefit/ROI: Improve process modeling, decision making, apply systems thinking.
Advantages: Visual, Control Input Variables, statistical accuracy, realism.
Visual planning tool for constrained facilities such as Dry-dock. Provides foundation for capture of best practice, training, briefing of evolutions, and process simulation.

- October 2014 Demo with C/380
- May 2015 Identified conversion software for CAD to X3D
- July 2015 Submitted workstation request for Cut Line/ recycle group
- October 2015 Took new position at IMF
- April 2016 Submitted workstation request for Process Improvement Office
- July 2016 Submitted purchase request for 3D Printer
- September 2016 Network Drops installed in PI Office
- May 2017 Requested moving licenses to support Pilot ERP capture
- October 2017 (Now) all requests still pending

**Barriers:** IT focused on Cyber Security, with little or no support for emerging needs. NMCI contracts cause additional layers of bureaucracy. Cumbersome procurement reviews for IT equipment.
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Description: PSNS&IMF has trial tested seven (7) exoskeleton systems since 2011. This promising human augmentation technology can make holding an industrial tool feel weightless, improving both ergonomics and productivity.

Problem: Currently there are no nationally recognized standards or test methods. We are collaborating with NIST and collaborating with ASTM to develop ASTM F48.

Action Needed: Seeking Human Factors and Ergonomics engineers to collaborate developing standard and test methods, and to fund the set-up of a NIST Exoskeleton test lab to support testing. POC: Ron Zmijewski, PSNS&IMF (360) 340-1226
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Major Phases:
1. Develop portable dust control system that prevents ESD and EMI issues
2. Develop mobile ruggedized prototype for use inside the shop or pierside
3. Develop portable system approved for use inside vessels
4. Validate system in shop, offboard (outside hull), then inside hull
Induction Heat Coating Removal

DIRECT BENEFITS
• 5x - 20x faster
• Safer, less fatigue
• No metal damage
• Faster & easier cleanup (paint chips vs. dust)
• Less PPE needed

INDIRECT BENEFITS
• Less cumulative injury
• Earlier starting time for subsequent tasks
• Greatly reduced waste
$248K+++ to dispose of blasting waste for IMF in 2014
3D Print and Scan

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Non Invasive Structural Inspections

Traditionally we remove perfectly good coating to inspect, or rely on superficial inspections

Laser paint Removal

Hill AFB F-16