

Thumbs up for KMF

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Delegates on an Inside Manufacturing Enterprise visit gave KMF (Precision Sheet Metal) the scheme's highest ever feedback score.

The visit was part of a programme designed to highlight best practice in manufacturing and was attended by representatives of engineering and manufacturing companies from across the Midlands. The Inside Manufacturing Enterprise (IME) initiative is part of the Manufacturing Advisory Service West Midlands (MAS-WM) programme of events and is managed by Coventry University Enterprises Ltd (CUE).

The feedback received by KMF gave it the joint highest score in the programme's history (for a first visit) with each guest marking the visit as 9.3 out of 10 on average.

IME's structured 'Best Practice' visits to host companies give an insight into how they have implemented certain strategies, processes and how the host company has met specific regional challenges. Ideas and inspiration gained can be used to implement new practices and promote more effective processes in manufacturing companies throughout the region.

"The visit by IME and the subsequent feedback from our industry peers has provided welcome justification for continued investment in our site, capital equipment, staff development and production processes," says Terry Stanway, KMF's purchasing manager. "What was highlighted in the feedback was the positive attitude and application of all of our staff coupled with the visual evidence of our progress in implementing Continuous Improvement and People Development throughout the business. Our target now is to continue to develop as a business, improve on what we have already achieved and monitor the comments when we host a second IME visit later in 2010."

Over 90 percent of the visitors that attended the event witnessed events/processes that they would like to implement in their own manufacturing facilities, with several suggesting that it would act as a catalyst for their businesses. The second IME visit is planned for KMF on 1 July 2010.



KMF's manufacturing processes were one of the key elements of the recent IME visit to its factory.

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