



Something you should know about **Riverton Custom Cabinetry**

The Workforce Investment Board of Will County provided funding to Riverton Custom Cabinetry through its Employee Training Grant Program that enabled six (6) employees to receive training that brings benefit to Riverton's production operations in New Lenox, Illinois.

Riverton Custom Cabinetry, has been designing, manufacturing, selling and distributing fine custom cabinetry to residential and commercial customers in New Lenox for over 11 years.

In an effort to minimize waste and manage labor more efficiently, Riverton recently added several machines to its production to craft more cabinetry doors in-house rather than buying from an outside supplier while automating piece cutting. The Production Managers faced the challenge of adjusting the labor processes to accommodate a Door Department, which has more than tripled in size in the past two years.



From the company's perspective, they needed the training because its workspace is limited. The only potential for growth in its current location was to streamline its current systems, clear up floor space, create extremely efficient work areas, and give its employees the tools and knowledge to do their job to the best of their abilities. This training allowed the company to maximize its return on investment from this equipment by structuring the processes around the equipment efficiently.



Riverton Custom Cabinetry brought in Dossenbach Associates of Sanford, NC, professionals in Lean Manufacturing for the wood products industry, to train six Production Managers in Lean Manufacturing techniques. The philosophy behind Lean Manufacturing is to eliminate all activities that do not add value to the products being manufactured. The employees received both classroom and individual hands-on training on the basic system of Lean Manufacturing as well as instructional training for key management people on ways to prioritize and assess the results of their work.

"This training allowed us to not only assess the challenges we knew existed but helped us to realize aspects of our current systems that can be improved that we had not anticipated prior to the training," said Scott Koca, Training Manager.

The Workforce Investment Board of Will County is excited to provide this unique training opportunity to Riverton Custom Cabinetry, and other companies that provide integral workforce opportunities to our communities. For more information on the Workforce Investment Board's Employee Training Grant Program contact Mary Gajcak at 815-727-5679