

Study Reveals 83% of Manufacturing Leaders See Increased Productivity from Safety Programs

Research Examined Impact of Safety Culture on Bottom Line

PEORIA, IL (January 12, 2017) – Advanced Technology Services, Inc. (ATS), a global leader in industrial services specializing in technology-driven equipment maintenance, industrial parts management, and IT support, today announced that a company-sponsored study on workplace safety revealed that 83% of senior management and operations personnel have observed an increase in productivity over time due to the implementation of a safety program, and have seen the costs of injuries and insurance claims decrease as a result.

The research was conducted with Plant Engineering magazine to better understand workplace safety in manufacturing. The research also examined the idea of a safety "culture," how far safety efforts extend into the plant and beyond, and safety trends and strategies. Primary job functions of the respondents to the study involved engineering, maintenance, or supervisory responsibilities. The average respondent had 24 years of plant or engineering-related industry experience.

The study also examined work group safety, safety program benefits and challenges, strategies and technologies used to enforce safety, safety training received, frequency of and contributors to safety meetings, safety's effect on productivity, personal protective equipment, and the measurement of safety success.

Other key findings of the study:

- 97% of respondents believe their employees feel safe on the job
- More than 75% of respondents were very committed to safety in their facilities
- More than 70% of facilities reported holding regular safety meetings, performing safety audits, and having established a safety committee in order to enforce safety methods
- Another 69% of facilities have implemented job safety analysis procedures

“The results of this survey clearly proves the primary importance of safety within today’s manufacturing environments,” said David Miller, Senior Director, Environmental Health and Safety at Advanced Technology Services. “Only those manufacturing facilities which continue to emphasize safety as a top-level issue will remain highly productive and competitive in today’s marketplace.”

Within the Advanced Technology Services eight tenant culture, safety serves as the foundational core. Committed to striving for zero incidents through continuous improvement and employee engagement, ATS has over 200 site leaders who have been certified as Safety Trained Supervisors by the Board of Certified Safety Professionals.

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