JUST DO IT

In answer to last month’s newsletter question: What have you done to affect that number? (our company productivity goal of 6 min/hr) we have included below some examples of ‘just do it’s’ – what some have done to increase productivity by eliminating waste. Read on:

MESABI NUGGET: Reduced Wasted Motion

Workers on this large job-site suggested there had to be a less time consuming way to get hydrated on the jobsite. They climbed down the lift to walk to a water source so far away we couldn’t get it in the picture.

Through a little discussion, a couple guys (who wish to remain anonymous) came up with a plan: find a way to place the water nearer the work.

A used cooler was purchased and placed more than 200’ closer to the work area. This change reduced walking time to the water supply by more than 50%! An avg. of over $500/day is realized in labor alone due to implementing this one small improvement.

RUBBER RACK: Reduced Inventory & Wasted Motion

Problem: When ASDCO, the Fab. shop or roofing would offload their material to the ‘rubber rack’ or a truck was staged to be loaded, the location was directly in front of ASDCO’s culverts – a regularly purchased item. And as fate would have it, each time someone came in and wanted a culvert, a truck was in the way. With no other location available to off-load trucks or move the culverts, there was an ongoing problem. Putting a few heads together to discuss the issue, helped to identify a solution.

Solution: Move the rubber rack to new location nearer like materials. The result:
• The rack was no longer blocking the yard which opened up space for ASDCO to get culverts without obstruction
• Inventory was reduced, since going through the rubber rack also helped identify what was needed and what was not
• Better organization for multiple depts., was created. Moving the rack actually increased productivity for the roofing dept. by making loading and unloading materials easier and less time consuming.