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Throughput Consulting, Inc.

Bluestreak – Helping Metal-Treating Businesses Succeed

If you're looking to improve your company's productivity on the shop floor and in your administrative offices, take immediate notice of what Throughput Consulting has to offer.

Throughput Consulting, a two-year-old company from Delafield, Wisc., has developed a web-based application – Bluestreak – exclusively for the metal-treating industry. Bluestreak, a customer-centric tool that seamlessly integrates company-wide information into a usable form, is designed to impact productivity with an overall goal of helping companies realize lower cost of operations and increased throughput.

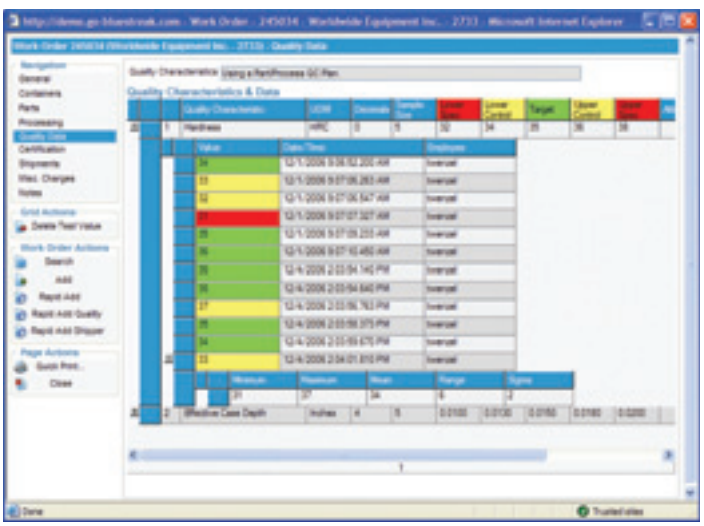
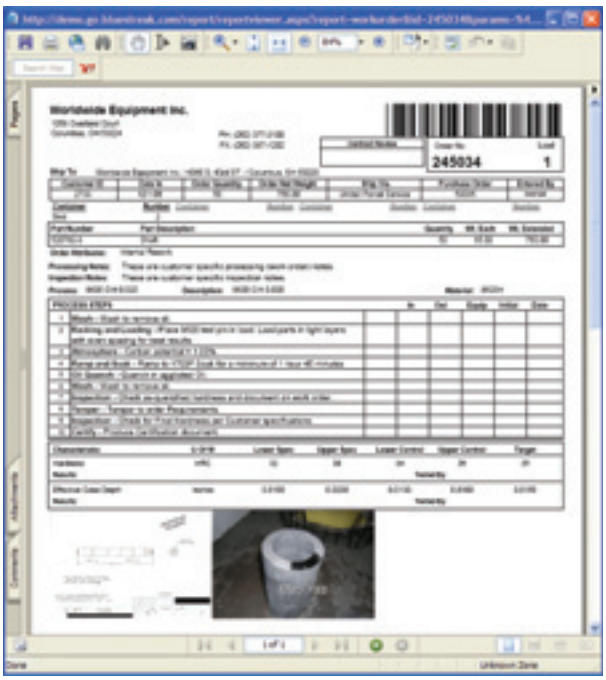
Todd Wenzel, Bluestreak's chief application engineer, said: "Bluestreak allows any size metal-treating company to use Internet technology to make their organization leaner and meaner. Installation time is nil, and there are no expensive servers, work stations or user licenses needed."

Bluestreak was borne out of Wenzel's experience in the metal-treating industry, where he saw a need for a customizable, industry-specific application using today's technology. According to Wenzel, Bluestreak reduces the need for IT support within a company and allows implementation to be completed in under a week. The program, which was developed using MS SQL 2005 and .NET 2.0, also permits customization for companies who want built-in proprietary features or special business logic.

Bluestreak allows for the extrapolation of data into meaningful information and brings to light any flaws in the system – equipment, process, output and/or personnel – while visual indicators answer questions such as: Are you in or out of spec? This technology does not require costly equipment to run or complicated back-up systems – the Bluestreak team handles that for the customer. They also offer free, seamless upgrades as warranted.

The benefits of Bluestreak are plentiful. It offers the customer increased productivity (simplified order tracking, unique "rapid add" features, multiple document interface, built-in document management), keen management insight (performance reporting, quoting and pricing, built-in quality management, browser interface) and lower annual costs.

Throughput Consulting is already in the process of developing a second phase of Bluestreak that will include integration with PDA technology. "Phase II" will also feature shop-floor control monitoring and data collection, customer portal (for clients' customers), scheduling and internal/external messaging.

Although its calling card is Bluestreak, this MTI associate member also serves as a consulting firm to industries including agricultural, financial services and distribution.

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