

To continually examine our processes to provide greater value to our customers without waste.

The Lean Line

And the Walls Came Tumbling Down...



On July 13, Phase 1 of the Oak Creek office remodel project was completed, and employees moved into their new cubicles; or in a few cases, moved into temporary spots until their new cubicles are built in later phases of the project. Service, Metals, & Accounting are now in their new “permanent” homes on the east side of the building.

As Paul Grunau mentioned in an earlier communication, we are eliminating all private offices in order to provide a more “facilitative, collaborative, communicative and flexible team environment.” As you can see from the photos here, the office walls have already started to come down.



Paul Grunau working in a cubicle

Though our company leaders are in temporary spots until their new cubicles are completed in later phases this summer, you’ll find them all sitting in cubicles now on the east side of the building.

When the cubicle vendors stated that the partition panels could not be cut lower and we would have to order all new to provide our preferred 56” lower height, Grunau’s philosophy of “never say can’t” came forward.

Grunau’s Sheet Metal team was able to successfully cut the panel frames and a small filler piece was made so the fabric tiles would fit correctly in the newly cut panel frames. The lower height provides better light for everyone in the office, plus helps save steps when people can look across the space, while standing, to see the location of someone else easier.

Our goal is to complete the office remodel by September 17, which is exactly 10 years from when we first moved into this office building. So far, we are right on target!



Larry Loomis demonstrating the lower cubicle height