MEP Best Practices Conference: Lessons Learned

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In September, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) held its annual conference in Washington, D.C. The event is a chance for manufacturers to connect and share ideas on best practices. This year, 265 MEP Best Practices Conference attendees from around the world came together in Kansas City for our biennial best practices conference. Why is this a big deal? The 300 or so manufacturing experts in attendance brought back lessons learned from working with more than 26,000 U.S. manufacturers in the last year alone. The networking, the sharing of ideas, and the opportunity to build new relationships are a big draw for these manufacturers.

Some of the Lessons Learned:

- First, manufacturers are realizing that the cost savings from industry 4.0 technologies is often offset by the cost of implementation.

- Second, manufacturers are hearing the same message: “Train your operators.” It turns out that the best investment manufacturers can make in their business is to invest in training for their employees.

- Third, the focus on sustainable manufacturing is increasing. Manufacturers are looking for ways to reduce costs without sacrificing sustainability.

- Last, the importance of using data to drive decisions is growing. Manufacturers are realizing that data is the key to unlocking opportunities for cost savings and productivity improvements.

As we all know, the more data you have, the more insights you can derive. And the more insights you have, the more you can make informed decisions. This is especially true for manufacturing businesses. By leveraging data, manufacturers can optimize their processes, reduce costs, and improve overall performance.

Concluding Thoughts:

In conclusion, the 2018 MEP Best Practices Conference was a tremendous success. The event brought together manufacturers from around the world to share ideas, build relationships, and learn from each other. The lessons learned will be valuable for manufacturers as they continue to navigate the challenges of the modern manufacturing landscape.