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Now, see what's hot at the laundry.

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### ***You Said It!***

"Lean Enterprise implementation is most effective when you have a high level of trust and communication throughout the organization. Empowering people to take action strengthens morale as well as productivity."

-- *Todd Nadler, CPIM, CSCP, CSSBB, Director of Corporate Operations & Technology for Tingue, Brown & Co.*

## ***Generations of Innovation for Laundries Worldwide***

### ***Lean Enterprise – Lean Laundry***

Running a laundry operation lean and mean to meet a tough economy may simply be a label excusing shortcomings in purchasing, production and delivery. Boosting production, increasing the accuracy of order fulfillment and speeding up delivery times don't always require hiring more people or spending for new equipment.

The first step is to find waste and inefficiency. At our Peachtree City, Ga., headquarters, we scoured our operation as part of the Lean Enterprise program implementation and were amazed by the impact of seemingly simple changes. Lean Enterprise, for those that are unfamiliar, is based on the world-renowned Toyota Production System (TPS) and is the most widely used management methodology today.

Ironer covers, pads, waxes and other products, for example, were reorganized with complete documentation for more efficiency and accuracy in filling orders. Plus, with the Lean Enterprise stocking system, reorders are now automatically triggered and nearly every laundry product we stock is always in stock. Setting them up on racks instead of in bins and on pallets on the floor took better advantage of our warehouse space.



Simple reorganization, such as moving the pick and pack department for small parts and products into the shipping area helped increase on-time deliveries by 14 percent.

Could your on-time delivery rate be improved? Consider easy efficiency changes. Are your shrinkwrapping machines near the folders? Laundry carts near shrinkwrapping machines? Extra ironer covers, pads, guide tapes and supplies stored near the ironers?

To take a Lean Enterprise Workshop with Todd Nadler, [click here](#).

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## **Latest Innovations**

## Elastoliners and Covers



These smooth, reusable, washable, nylon liners keep your carts, bins and utility trucks safe from contamination from soiled laundry. They also keep your clean linens clean, preventing contact with carts, bins and utility trucks.

Elastocovers fit around the tops like fitted sheets to guard against dust, lint and other contaminants. Sized to fit virtually any

bin, basket or truck, in rainbow of colors.

[See Elastoliners and covers here.](#)

## New Sorting Table

How many tables keep your plant going? From sorting soiled to staging, finishing and cart makeup, tables may be the most common piece of equipment in the plant but they also may be involved in the most common causes of repetitive motion injuries. With workers standing over tables for hours at a time and reaching across them for linens, it's important the table size supports worker safety.



This new laundry sorting and staging table stands at a comfortable 30 inches high to position work between the waist and elbow height of most workers.

Rising wings on three sides help corral the laundry and keep it from falling onto the floor to cut bending and reaching.

It's also rotationally molded in one, smooth piece of waterproof plastic that cannot harbor mold or bacteria and wipes clean. And it rolls and rotates on rugged casters to move from one sorting line or department to another.

For pricing, call 800.829.3864 or email Ty Acton at [tacton@tingue.com](mailto:tacton@tingue.com).

[See more sorting table photos here.](#)

### Corner Quotables: Washington and Lincoln

"Liberty, when it begins to take root, is a plant of rapid growth."

"To contract new debts is not the way to pay old ones."

- George Washington

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"America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves."

"Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

- Abraham Lincoln

Enjoy a favorite quote? Share it with Tingue Topics. Send it to [tacton@tingue.com](mailto:tacton@tingue.com).

## Meet Team Tingue



See our new Sorting Table at CSCNetwork Booth #103!



Next scheduled appearance for Ty and Team Tingue:  
CSCNetwork Annual Convention booth #103 at Aria Resort & Casino in Las Vegas, March 9 – 11.



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