

ADDING VALUE TO CUSTOMER OPERATIONS

VMV Enterprises, Inc. (Paducahbilt) was established in 1986 after Illinois Central sold their Paducah, Kentucky Railroad facilities. Now the largest privately owned Locomotive Remanufacturing Facility in North America, VMV is centrally located offering direct service with the Paducah and Louisville Railway Class I connections: BNSF, CN/IC, CSXT, UPRR, and NS.

VMV has a workforce offering on average 15 years of craftsmen experience. Paducahbilt is dedicated to adding value to its customers' operations by continually improving cycle time and overall performance. The company is committed to becoming the dominant provider of locomotive services by providing the highest level of problem solving skills and quality solutions through understanding the needs of its customers. VMV can satisfy all motive power requirements from locomotive remanufacture, component rebuild, engineering and fabrication with the capacity to meet your delivery needs.

During the mid-1990's, VMV achieved certification to Association of American Railroads AAR M-1003 and NAPM Quality Standards. In 1998, the President of VMV shared his desire to obtain ISO 9002 certification with the VMV Director of Quality Assurance. ISO teams were formed to modify the existing quality standards to include all elements of ISO 9002. Long-term and short-term goals were established to ensure the company was on-track with the timetable.

"Of course, selection of a qualified registrar who would provide us with not only the ISO registration, but also maintain our M-1003 certification was very important," said the Director of Quality Assurance. "SRI Quality System Registrar is an excellent organization to work with. Their auditors bring dual certification with knowledge of both ISO 9000 and M-1003."

The VMV President said, "The marrying of M-1003 and ISO 9002 has given VMV Paducahbilt a broader certification recognized all over the world." Overall, there have been many recognized contributions and improvements, including standardized documentation, enhanced policies and procedures and process ownership involving all employees.

"We seek, from ourselves, customers and suppliers, innovative methods and ideas to continually improve all aspects of our operation," said the Director of Quality Assurance. "Each day, we provide better and more reliable locomotive services, which will enhance the profitability of our customers and VMV Paducahbilt."