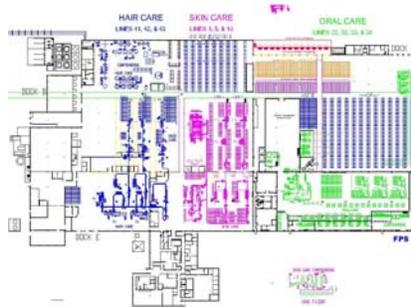


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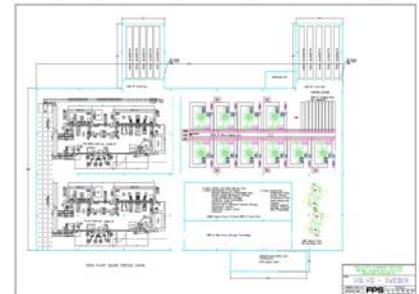
Established in 1972, The FPS Group has acquired a broad range of International Manufacturing Operational Planning and Implementation experiences and talents.

Before commissioning an architect or a general contractor to design a Manufacturing or Distribution facility, or even selecting a location, there is an essential step that needs to be taken. That is to ensure that the facility and location will, in fact, meet the needs of the process. FPS has the resources and experiences developed over the past 3 decades to develop the optimum functional design and outline how it will operate. This is one of the most critical and least expensive investments that one can make in their future operations. Due to the many FPS successes, firms seeking help logically select FPS. The following are a few of our many successes:



SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO

One of the largest health and beauty aids manufacturers in the world selected FPS to reduce costs in all of their facilities in north and central America over a several year period. The approach was simple and straight forward. FPS did a detailed high level value mapping analysis of each facility to determine what costs were necessary and what were not. This was based on their projected business plan. Data generated from this effort yielded payback periods from 5 months to 1.2 days by identifying accurate capacity and constraint data needed to consolidate their global resources.



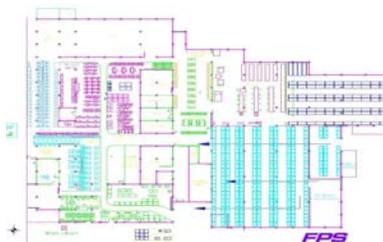
GÖTEBORG, SWEDEN

In an effort to reduce manufacturing costs, a leading Swedish automotive manufacturer selected The FPS Group to partner with them to generate fresh ideas. FPS quickly determined that one expanding manufacturing process had very limited flexibility and high initial purchase cost. FPS developed an alternative solution that was significantly more flexible at half the initial cost, greater projected up time, and reduced set-up times.



TOMSK, RUSSIA (SIBERIA)

As Russia industrialists enter the global market, they are faced with many new difficult challenges. FPS has had numerous mandates assisting in this critical transition. Even with a very talented labor pool, high unemployment, and very low wages industry is struggling to survive. From the early 1990's, FPS has been in this region value mapping operations, establishing lean management structures, optimizing various production and distribution processes, and establishing international partnerships. The results have been impressive with some organizations experiencing consistent double digit growth rates.



BANGKOK, THAILAND

Intense pricing pressure from China forced a Thailand toy manufacturer to select The FPS Group to help reduce their costs of operations. By value mapping the production process based on projected growth, we were able to identify several significant opportunities. Production was reorganized to reduce labor content by 34%! A significant percent of the raw materials were locally sourced at reduced material and freight costs. These and other changes took a business in decline to double digit annual growth rates.



UNITED KINGDOM

An international investor wanted to mass produce a unique vehicle, targeting third world military needs. This vehicle can out perform Humvees in most categories at a fraction of the Humvee price. FPS was selected to do the business plan that included how, when, and where it could be done and at what price.

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