Bimba Manufacturing and Subsidiary, TRD Manufacturing Host Visits by Members of Congress

Bimba Manufacturing, headquartered in Monee, Illinois, hosted a visit by Illinois Congresswoman Robin Kelly and Maryland Congressman Steny Hoyer on May 30, 2013. Following a welcome by Bimba's management team, Congressman Hoyer discussed his 'Make It In America' agenda which is aimed at expanding manufacturing in the United States. Toward that end, Congressman Hoyer had questions for Bimba regarding exports and number of people employed by Bimba. The Congressman emphasized the need for training and educating America's workforce.

Bimba CEO, Patrick Ormsby, shared a corporate fact sheet with the visitors, proudly sharing the success of Bimba, its growth during these challenging economic times, and support of 500 manufacturing jobs. Members of Bimba's management team emphasized how employee ownership is a major contributor to the success at Bimba and how the retirement benefit of the ESOP provides Bimba employees retirement with dignity.

Bimba employee-owners thanked Congressman Hoyer for Maryland's support of ESOPs, acknowledging Maryland Senator Cardin and his lead with the ESOP promotion bill in the Senate. Congressman Hoyer was very complimentary of Senator Cardin and his knowledge of retirement plans and ESOPs.

Having met with Congresswoman Kelly on May 9th while in DC for the ESOP Conference, Bimba's employee owners already had the opportunity to talk with their Congresswoman about these important issues. Keeping pro-ESOP legislation front and center, Bimba's employees again asked Congresswoman Kelly for her support of future legislation, including efforts to reintroduce H.R. 1244 which would promote and expand employee ownership.

The Chicago Tribune was also on hand to take photos and interview Congressman Hoyer at the end of the visit.



Congressman Adam Kinzinger visited TRD Manufacturing, a subsidiary of Bimba located in Machesney Park, on Monday, June 10. During the visit Representative Kinzinger spoke very highly of ESOPs, noting how their efforts can make a true impact on the Company's success and retirement benefits of the employee owners. The Congressman commented on the obvious pride he could sense when speaking to employees of TRD; a notable trait he recognizes when touring an ESOP company compared to a non employee-owned company.



