

# PEOPLE & PROJECTS



## MOTOR CITY GLADNESS

We have been providing field support services for a next generation automatic transmission launch program at the Ford Motor Company's Van Dyke Transmission Plant in Detroit, Michigan for the past three years.

*Sean Sawyer*, an instrumentation and controls technician, has been on-site at this Ford plant on a daily basis and has effectively represented the interests of our client, while working with a wide variety of original equipment manufacturers.

Sean has supervised the production software and programming development for individual machining and automation systems suppliers. His mandates included daily liaison with both these types of suppliers and Ford Motor Company to assure the overall machining dimensional tolerance reliability and part quality repeatability at actual production speeds.

Sean has worked on human-machine-interface screens (HMI, process graphics), radio frequency part tagging/tracking systems, and automation and control integration between individual machine tool suppliers.

Some of the more esoteric expertise we were able to provide to Ford included experience with next generation unmanned automatic-call part delivery vehicles that retrieve baskets of raw materials and deliver them to designated loading stations at various machining centres using just-in-time protocols.

For his exceptional efforts, Sean was recently presented with a certificate of acknowledgement from the program, product and launch managers which read in part:

***This acknowledges your contributions to the 6F50 Transmission Program. Your dedication, perseverance, technical skill and teamwork have materially contributed to the launch success of this product and manufacturing program. Congratulations and thank you for your efforts!***