

## WHAT IS THE CONCEPT OF IMMEDIATE CUSTOMER?

**DEFINITION OF A CUSTOMER FOR NON-JIT FIRMS:** 

"A PERSON OUTSIDE THE FIRM WHO BUYS ITS PRODUCTS FOR HIS USE OR CONSUMPTION"

JUST-IN-TIME ORGANIZATIONS USE THE CONCEPT OF 'IMMEDIATE CUSTOMER'

WHAT IS 'IMMEDIATE CUSTOMER'?

EACH WORKER IN THE ORGANIZATION CONSIDERS THE NEXT WORKER AS A CUSTOMER

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF A WORKER IN JIT ORGANIZATIONS AIGPE

- **ENSURE THE PRODUCT IS PROCESSED TO MEET SPECIFICATIONS &** QUALITY REQUIREMENTS BEFORE PASSING IT TO THE NEXT **CUSTOMER**
- **EACH WORKER IS TRAINED IN QUALITY PRINCIPLES AND TESTING PROCEDURES**
- WORKERS ARE MADE FULLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE WORK THEY **CARRY OUT AT THEIR WORKSTATION**
- THEY ARE ENTRUSTED WITH THE JOB OF INSPECTING THEIR OWN **WORK**
- ONLY ITEMS OF ACCEPTABLE QUALITY ARE DELIVERED TO THE **IMMEDIATE CUSTOMER**

## WHAT IS THE CONCEPT OF IMMEDIATE CUSTOMER?

JIT ORGANIZATIONS DO NOT MAINTAIN SEPARATE DEPARTMENTS TO CORRECT DEFECTS

EACH EMPLOYEE HAS TO IDENTIFY AND CORRECT HIS OR HER OWN MISTAKES

EACH WORKER ANALYSES THE TYPES AND SOURCES OF ERRORS AND THEN DEVELOPS METHODS TO PREVENT THEM

IN CASE OF A DEFECT, THE WORKER WHO IDENTIFIES THE DEFECT IS AUTHORIZED TO STOP THE PROCESS & TAKE ACTIONS