

Sigma Technologies



About the Company

High-quality precision engineering company Sigma Technologies is a global supplier of components and assembly parts to a range of sectors including oil, gas and nuclear.

Fully accredited to ISO9001 standard, the Keighley firm is renowned for its special fasteners, rings and gaskets made using the latest CNC machinery and technology.

The firm was established in the beginning of 2009 at an existing 15,000sq ft engineering manufacturing site. Since then, investment totalling more than £500,000 has been made in new equipment including CNC lathes, millers, machining centres and horizontal and vertical boring machines.

This complements state-of-the-art CAD/CAM software and production processes based on MRP and capacity planning systems which have helped turnover rise ten-fold to more than £750,000 in the past year.

How has Invest in Bradford helped?

While there has been a sharp rise in orders and interest from potential customers, Sigma Technologies' has found it difficult to add to its workforce given the specialised nature of its work.

It enlisted Invest in Bradford's Local Impact team to help find new staff. Local Impact liaised closely with Sigma Technologies to create a precise summary of its recruitment requirements. Job adverts placed locally attracted the attention of CNC programmer and setter Peter Haggio, from Keighley, who had been unemployed for a year after being laid off from a boiler manufacturer in the town.

The 49-year-old met with Local Impact to confirm he was the calibre of candidate Sigma Technologies was looking for and was then put forward for interview.

Key Facts

Turnover: £750,000

Local Jobs: 15

Location: Keighley

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Results

After a short trial at Sigma Technologies Peter Haggio, above right, was taken on permanently and, thanks to his level of experience, the firm has been able to move to a double-shift pattern and improve its production capability.

Peter, who has worked in engineering all his life, said: "It is a very enjoyable role and is local so it has been ideal for me. The diverse nature of the job makes it particularly interesting so I'm certainly grateful Local Impact helped bring me here, especially as I had been out of work."

Sigma Technologies Director Colin Stephenson, above left, said: "Local Impact has been of great benefit to us in finding Peter. He met the specification of the role exactly and having him on board has given us real flexibility within our production process.

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Key Facts

Vacancies Filled: 1

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