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State prisons follow businesses by going 'lean'

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ABERDEEN, Wash. -- First state government went "green." Now it's gone "lean," according to Washington's Department of Corrections staff.

The DOC says it's following the lead of companies like Toyota and Boeing in identifying more efficient ways to do business under what's known as "lean manufacturing."

Jeannie Miller, the DOC's Lean Operations Manager describes it as finding ways to "Improve and reduce the waste in our process."

The state claims the lean philosophy is saving \$1.3 million a year in food expenses. Most of those savings are from streamlining menus across the state. By serving the same meals at the same time, the state is able to purchase ingredients in bulk, and therefore at cheaper prices.