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**AMERICAN TOOL & PLASTICS SELECTS MISSOURI ENTERPRISE
FOR QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REGISTRATION**

Poplar Bluff, Missouri, May 17, 2005 – American Tool & Plastics, Inc (ATP) has selected Missouri Enterprise Business Assistance Center to provide training and implementation support as the company prepares for ISO 9001:2000 registration, according to co-owner Stacy Atkinson.

ATP is a locally owned company that provides a wide variety of machined, fabricated parts and injection molded plastic products to customers in the automotive, aerospace and consumer product industries. The company does general tooling, plastic injection molding, mold building and mold repair and has an excellent reputation for quality products, competitive pricing and on time delivery.

To receive ISO registration, American Tool & Plastics will have to meet a set of comprehensive quality system requirements. “It’s like a doctor passing the medical boards or a lawyer passing the bar,” Atkinson said.

ISO registration helps both product and service oriented organizations achieve standards of quality that are recognized and respected throughout the world. Atkinson said the company already works very diligently to continually improve their business and to meet and exceed their customer needs. “We look at registration as a major step in advancing our business position, our product quality and in supporting our customers,” he said.

“With the new registration, we expect to continue our growth and enter new markets where such a registration is necessary for consideration,” Atkinson added.

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During the registration process, Missouri Enterprise Senior Project Director Dewayne Whitener will provide American Tool & Plastics with training, documentation preparation and implementation assistance, auditing and on-site support.

Missouri Enterprise is a not-for-profit corporation that provides business and technical assistance to help Missouri companies succeed. It manages the Manufacturing Extension Partnership in Missouri, an Advanced Manufacturing Specialist Training Program (funded by a U.S. Department of Labor grant), a value added agriculture program, and one of the state's Innovation Centers.