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AMERICAN TOOL AND PLASTICS COMPANY EARNS ISO REGISTRATION

Poplar Bluff, Missouri, June 1, 2006 – American Tool and Plastics Company, a Poplar Bluff manufacturer of machined and fabricated parts and injection molded plastic products has received ISO 9001:2000 registration, according to Company Co-Owner Stacy Atkinson.

The company does general tooling, plastic injection molding, mold building and mold repair for customers in the automotive, aerospace and consumer products industries.

ISO 9001:2000 registration shows that the company has achieved standards of quality that are recognized and respected throughout the world.

To earn ISO registration, the company had to meet comprehensive quality management system requirements and pass a rigorous audit by an independent, third part registrar.

Atkinson said the company is committed to meeting and exceeding all customer requirements and expectations and to continually improving quality management.

“We serve a broad range of customers in many sectors and our products are of critical importance to them,” Atkinson said, “so our quality standards have to be very high.”

“Registration is a major step in maintaining our business position and product quality in support of our customers,” he said. “It will also enable us to enter new markets were registration is a prerequisite for consideration,” he said.

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Atkinson praised company employees for their efforts, saying, “We are proud of this achievement and the way our staff performed during the preparation and the audit.”

During the registration process, Missouri Enterprise Project Manager Dewayne Whitener provided American Tool and Plastics Company with training, documentation preparation and implementation assistance, auditing and on-site support.

“He also helped us understand the registration process, so we were able to avoid false starts, unnecessary work and delays,” Atkinson said.

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.