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**GERDING ENTERPRISES EARNS
QUALITY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM REGISTRATION**

Dittmer, Missouri, April 25, 2008 – Gerding Enterprises of Dittmer has recently been registered to the ISO 9001:2000/AS9100 standard, according to Chuck Gerding, company president.

ISO 9001:2000 registration helps both product and service oriented organizations achieve standards of quality that are recognized and respected throughout the world. AS9100 is the current quality management system standard specific to the aerospace industry. Gerding Enterprises is one of only a few Missouri companies registered to this standard.

Gerding Enterprises was founded more than 40 years ago, when Charles Gerding, father of the company's current president, bought an old spinning lathe at a scrap yard, used a Harley Davidson transmission to get it running and began to spin parts in his basement at night.

The company has grown into a manufacturer of sheet metal and intricate, tight tolerance parts for the aerospace industry with some 20 employees and a national reputation for high quality workmanship and a willingness to take on and complete even the most difficult projects.

Current company services include all types of CNC machining, CNC lathes and a comprehensive range of conventional machining, rolling and bending and metal spinning.

The company is also recognized nationally as a premier weld shop specializing in Tig, titanium, aluminum and stainless steel welding, Gerding said.

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To receive ISO 9001:2000/AS9100 registration, Gerding Enterprises had to meet a set of comprehensive quality system requirements and pass an audit by an independent, third party firm.

“We see this achievement as a major step in maintaining our business position and product quality, particularly in support of our aerospace industry customers. With the new registration, we expect to continue our growth and penetrate new markets where such a registration represents part of the criteria for consideration,” Gerding added.

During the certification process, Missouri Enterprise Project Manager Dewayne Whitener provided the company with project management, training, documentation preparation and implementation assistance, audit training, and on-site support.

Missouri Enterprise is an organization composed of experienced manufacturing and business management professionals who provide business and technical assistance to help Missouri companies succeed. It manages the Manufacturing Extension Partnership program in Missouri, an Advanced Manufacturing Specialist Training Program (funded by a U.S. Department of Labor grant) and one of the state’s Innovation Centers.