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Estes Design and Manufacturing, Inc. Equipment Upgrades Reduce Lead Times

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 05, 2006 – Today Estes Design and Manufacturing, Inc., a leader in full-service sheet metal fabrication, announced the installations of a new Turret Punch Press and Press Brake. In separate purchases, Estes has added an Amada EM Series Turret Punch Press and a Trumpf TruBend 5130 Press Brake to facilitate quicker setups and faster production turnaround.

The Servo Drive Turret Punch Press improves speed, reliability, and quality compared to the current punching process. The new punch press has an enhanced tool design with a unique slug removal process that improves edge and overall part quality. The Servo Drive technology utilizes fewer moving parts and is as much as 56% faster than the existing hydraulic turret press in operation.

The TruBend CNC Hydraulic Press Brake uses off-line programming, self-aligning tooling and snap-in tool changes to reduce setup time and ultimately production turnaround. Its console features a visual representation of the part that serves to guide the operator through the forming process, ensuring an accurate part.

“Lead-time reduction and JIT delivery are two areas that are critically important to our customers,” says Ron Estes, Vice President of Operations at Estes Design and Manufacturing, “Equipment investments like these ensure that Estes is positioned to better serve our customers with quicker delivery of the finest quality.”

About Estes Design and Manufacturing:

Estes Design and Manufacturing is one of the leading full-service sheet metal fabricators in the Midwest. From conceptual design, to prototypes, to full production, Estes delivers rapid response manufacturing across a broad range of products and industry applications including medical equipment, appliance, HVAC, and office furniture manufacturing. For more information about Estes Design and Manufacturing, Inc. visit, <http://www.estesdm.com>.

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