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SPRINGFIELD MANUFACTURER EARNS GLOBALLY RECOGNIZED ISO CERTIFICATION; POSITIONS ITSELF TO GROW AND ENTER NEW MARKETS

Springfield, Missouri, January 22, 2018 – Foster Manufacturing Company, a Springfield manufacturer of fittings, couplers/quick disconnects, air hose, blow guns and related accessories for use with compressed air, hydraulic oil and water, has successfully transitioned their Quality Management System from the requirements of the ISO 9001:2008 to those of ISO 9001:2015, according to Tim Preusch, company quality management representative.

ISO 9001:2015 certification shows that Foster Manufacturing Company has achieved standards of quality that are recognized and respected throughout the world.

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

Preusch said the company is committed to learning and satisfying all customer requirements and will continue to meet the challenging expectations by continually improving its quality system.

“We serve a broad range of customers and our products are of critical importance to them,” Preusch says, “so our quality standards have to be very high.”

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“Certification 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 grow and to enter new markets where certification is a prerequisite for consideration,” he added.

Preusch also pointed out that adherence to the ISO standard provides the company with a robust system for managing Foster’s manufacturing and business processes.

He praised company employees for their efforts, saying, “We are proud of this achievement and the way our staff has embraced becoming ISO 9001:2015 certified.”

To begin the certification process, company representatives participated in a Missouri Enterprise ISO 2015 Transition Workshop and Readiness Assessment to determine where their existing quality management system needed to be modified to conform to the requirements of the new standard.

Then, Missouri Enterprise Quality Management experts provided Foster Manufacturing Company with a comprehensive gap analysis to facilitate the transition process and finally assisted the company with the certification process. This included documentation preparation and implementation assistance as well as auditing and on-site support.

“They helped us understand the new standard and the certification process, so we could avoid false starts, unnecessary work and delays,” Preusch said.

Missouri Enterprise is an organization composed of experienced manufacturing and management professionals who provide business and technical assistance to help Missouri companies succeed. It manages the Manufacturing Extension Partnership program in Missouri and one of the state’s Innovation Centers.