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### **Horizon Systems, Inc. Celebrates Machine Shop Grand Opening on September 25th**

**McCune, KS** – It has been more than 25 years, since a new business built in McCune. One company has changed that, bringing several jobs to town with more planned.

Horizon Systems, Inc., a Lawrence, KS based company has built a several thousand square foot machine and manufacturing facility in the small community of 300.

“This location was chosen because it lends itself better to the labor supply required for manufacturing work and the community’s physical location,” said Dave Nutter, Vice President of Operations.

Nutter is a Parsons native and committed to hiring locally.

“I was raised in Parsons and a Pitt State grad. I’m looking forward to coming back home where a great work ethic still exists,” Nutter said.

The facility will primarily be producing rotary airlocks and diverter valves. They are two critical components when transferring material in a manufacturing process. These systems are mainly used in the food, petfood, chemical and plastic industries.

The addition of a Horizon Systems owned machine shop puts them in direct control of more of the manufacturing process by reducing the need to outsource these processes to other companies. This will reduce lead times and improve product quality. The manufacturing flexibility will positively affect pricing and encourage new product development.

The shop’s initial staff will include two employees: a machinist and a welder who will be overseen by Tom Goff, Facility Manager. Future plans involve hiring additional locally based employees and expanding based on overall company growth projections.

“We are excited to have a new business in town. This will give our citizens additional job opportunities and give other families a reason to call McCune home,” said McCune Mayor Tosh Kluber.

A Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held Friday, September 25 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the facility which is located at 306 Hickory. The open house will include a walk-through of the facility where guests can enjoy hotdogs and hamburgers.

#### **ABOUT HORIZON SYSTEMS, INC.**

Founded in 1983, Horizon Systems is known as an engineering company that manufactures. With over 70 employees in three locations – Lawrence, Lenexa and McCune, KS and sales support located across the United States; innovation and customization continue to be our focus in food, petfood and chemical/plastic manufacturing facilities worldwide.

Horizon Systems engineers and manufactures innovative, risk appropriate and process safe material handling and pneumatic conveying solutions, providing end-to-end expertise that protects products, employees and brand.

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