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Hydro Tek Systems Retains Employees with Assistance from CMTC and San Bernardino Workforce Investment Board

REDLANDS, CA – Hydro Tek Systems, Inc., a manufacturer of high-pressure washers, has earned ISO 9001 certification, a quality management benefit that will help the company improve sales and retain workers. Since 1985, the Redlands-based company has made high quality cold, hot and steam pressure washers used in the construction, military, industrial and agricultural industries.

Hydro Tek earned its ISO certification on January 25 after partnering with [California Manufacturing Technology Consulting®](#) (CMTC), which helped the company secure the funding for an employee retention training program from the [San Bernardino County Workforce Investment Board](#) (WIB). The WIB is charged with addressing major workforce issues in San Bernardino County and convenes relevant parties to develop creative solutions to help businesses to become more efficient, productive and profitable. The program's goal is to preserve jobs by providing technical assistance and training to manufacturers that are considering employee layoffs.

Hydro Tek had used CMTC a decade ago to help implement lean manufacturing practices in the US and successfully combated competitors who moved their manufacturing operations and jobs to Mexico. Now with the help of the CMTC consultants over the past eight months, the achievement of ISO certification will result in further competitive advantages with improved quality practices, reduced scrap and rework, and improved on time delivery. The company will be able to retain employees during this recession and predicts increased sales for both export and to the military where there are requirements for ISO certification.

“Hydro Tek Systems has strong management and is the type of company you want to invest in to retain and grow jobs for the county,” said Dennis Sonney, the CMTC® consultant who worked with Hydro Tek. “They are thrilled at the results.”

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