



Coghlin Companies Upholds Unwavering Commitment to Quality for 2010
Subsidiaries Columbia Tech and Coghlin Precision Earn ISO Recertification

WORCESTER, Mass. – March 23, 2010 – [Coghlin Companies](#), a privately held firm specializing in creative design, engineering, manufacturing and global fulfillment solutions, today announced three renewed ISO quality certifications for its wholly owned subsidiaries Columbia Tech and Coghlin Precision. These recertifications demonstrate the company’s continued commitment to delivering the highest quality manufacturing processes and products.

Columbia Tech, certified by SAI Global and Coghlin Precision, certified by UL DQS received recommendation for the continuation of their ISO 9001 2008 certification – a global quality management standard. This certification helps product and service organizations achieve standards of quality that are recognized and respected throughout the world, and is administered by third-party accreditation and certification bodies. Some of the requirements for ISO 9001 2008 include:

- Developing a set of procedures that covers all key processes in the business
- Monitoring processes to ensure they are effective
- Keeping diligent, comprehensive records
- Checking output for defects with appropriate and corrective action where necessary
- Regularly reviewing individual processes and the quality system itself for effectiveness
- Facilitating continuous improvement

Additionally, Columbia Tech earned recertification in its 13485 registration. The ISO 13485:2003 standard encompasses quality management system requirements specifically for the design and manufacture of medical devices, including some requirements that correspond with those in the ISO 9001 standard.

“Companies consistently come to Coghlin Companies to decrease manufacturing costs without sacrificing quality or industry-standard compliance,” said Chris Coghlin, President and CEO, Coghlin Companies. “We hold ourselves to the highest standards of quality so our customers can focus on developing their core businesses and increasing their market share. The ISO certifications enable us to provide reliable and regulated conditions for the safe and cost-effective production of our customers’ leading-edge products.”

About ISO

ISO (International Organization for Standardization) – the world's largest developer and publisher of international standards – is a network of the national standards institutes of 161 countries, one member per country, with a Central Secretariat in Geneva, Switzerland who coordinates the system. ISO serves as a non-governmental bridge between the public and private sectors. For more information about ISO and the 9001 2008 and 13485:2003 certifications, please visit www.iso.org.

About Coghlin Companies, Inc.

Coghlin Companies, Inc. is a privately held company in Worcester, Massachusetts spanning four generations for over 120 years. Subsidiaries include: Columbia Tech, which provides turnkey manufacturing services to a diverse customer base, including OEM's in the telecommunication, semiconductor, machine tool, medical device, alternative energy, data storage, and networking industries; DCI Engineering, an engineering services company; Coghlin Precision, a precision machining and certified welding company; and Cogmedix, an FDA compliant medical and clinical device contract manufacturer. For more information, please visit www.coghlincompanies.com.