# COLUMBIA TECH

## Coghlin Companies Announce Intertek as New ISO Registrar

**WORCESTER, MA – FEBRUARY 28, 2013** – Columbia Tech, a contract manufacturing division of Coghlin Companies, recently engaged with Intertek to become their new ISO registrar. Intertek is the industry leader in testing, inspecting, and certifying products, and holds global accreditations and agreements allowing for certification for nearly every market in the world. Columbia Tech and Intertek have worked together for years as Columbia Tech is swiftly increasing its global presence and service offering.

"Columbia Tech's switch to Intertek was driven by its desire to align itself with a renowned, world class registrar possessing global scale as well as close proximity to Columbia Tech's headquarters just west of Boston", stated Richard Schulman, Vice President of Quality at Columbia Tech. He continued, "When you combine local offices with a global presence and sterling reputation, it was clearly the perfect fit."

Columbia Tech is currently ISO 9001:2008 and ISO 13485:2003 registered. ISO 9001 is an international quality standard developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) based on Quality Management Principles including mutually beneficial supplier relationships, continual improvement, and customer-focus. These principles are incorporated within the requirements of the standard to improve organizational performance. ISO 13485 meets domestic and international regulations for medical device manufacturing, while achieving overall business improvement.

### **About Coghlin Companies**

Coghlin Companies, Inc. is a privately held company specializing in helping companies cost effectively improve their time-to-market. Based in Worcester, Massachusetts, Coghlin Companies spans four generations representing more than 128 years of manufacturing experience and leadership. Subsidiaries include: Columbia Tech, which provides turnkey manufacturing services to a diverse customer base, including OEMs in the bio-science, semiconductor, LED, medical device, green energy technology, data storage, and automation systems and controls industries; DCI Engineering, an engineering design and pre-production support services company; and Cogmedix, an FDA compliant and ISO 13485 certified medical subassembly and finished medical device contract manufacturer. For more information, sign up for the Coghlin Companies e-Newsletter at <a href="http://coghlincompanies.com/newsletter-signup.php">http://coghlincompanies.com/newsletter-signup.php</a>

#### **About Intertek**

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