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Advanced Technologies of Stuart earns manufacturing certifications

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STUART — Advanced Technologies Group Inc. of Stuart, a research and development company, recently attained certification for quality management standards.

Advanced Technologies, which has eight employees and plans to hire at least two more within a year, specializes in innovative technologies for aerospace and defense clients including NASA and the Defense Department.

One of Florida's leading aerospace engineering and technology firms, ATG's products include optical mass gauge sensors that can be used in zero-gravity environments, such as in satellites and rockets, and non-contacting seals that can be used in military and commercial gas-turbine engines.

ATG is also developing for the U.S. Naval Air Systems Command a low-drag 60-kilowatt generator for the EA-18G attack jet. The EA-18G, in production by Boeing, is a modernized version of the F/A-18F Hornet that incorporates advanced avionics for suppression of enemy air defenses and nontraditional electronic attack operations.

Assisted by the Florida Manufacturing Extension Partnership, ATG announced Monday that it has achieved ISO 9001:2008 and AS9100 certification.

The Florida Manufacturing Extension Partnership is part of a nationwide network of technical, manufacturing and business specialists linked together by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

ISO 9000 is a family of standards for quality management systems that originated with the International Organization for Standardization in Geneva, Switzerland. AS9100 is its counterpart for the aerospace industry.

Advanced Technologies President John Justak said in a news release, "Attaining ISO certification can sometimes be challenging for small technology firms because of the documentation requirements."

Having the certification "will help our customers know we work with certain standards and we monitor everything we do," said ATG project manager Cyrille Doux. "In the industry, it's kind of a requirement before they'll purchase one of your products."

Richard Peck, chairman of the Extension Partnership board of directors, said, “Advanced Technologies’ certification was a notable achievement for a small engineering research and design company that focuses on highly specialized technologies. ATG’s success proves that any size firm can attain ISO certification with the proper training and a commitment to excellence.”

Ron Bunch, executive director of the Business Development Board of Martin County, said, “Advanced Technologies Group is an integral part of Martin County’s aviation-aerospace sector. They add greatly to the culture of innovation that thrives in this community.”



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