



Senator Sununu Visits Hypertherm to Discuss Manufacturing Growth and Workforce Development

HANOVER, N.H.—Jan. 11, 2008—Hypertherm, a world leader in metal cutting technology, today announced a visit by U.S. Senator John Sununu (R-NH) who met with company officials this afternoon to discuss manufacturing growth and workforce development.

During his visit, the Senator toured Hypertherm's main facility on Great Hollow Road in Hanover and cut with Hypertherm's Powermax30® handheld plasma cutter, a judges award winner and finalist for "product of the year" in a competition sponsored by the New Hampshire High Technology Council.

His visit was prompted by the enormous success Hypertherm has enjoyed in recent years. The Hanover based company has seen demand for its products more than double over the past several years and expects that same trend to continue for the foreseeable future.

Hypertherm's sales growth is attributed to its ability to not only compete but thrive in a global marketplace. The company's investment in technology and engineering has made Hypertherm plasma cutters highly desirable in all parts of the world, including Asia where Hypertherm's products are used extensively in industries such as construction and shipbuilding. All of Hypertherm's products are made right here in the Upper Valley.

Senator Sununu plans to return to Hypertherm sometime in the near future to tour the new Hypertherm Technical Training Institute (HTTI). The HTTI helps address the issue of underemployment in the Upper Valley by giving people with no prior machining experience the opportunity to embark on a career as a machinist. The institute is a collaborative partnership between Hypertherm, Vermont HITEC, as well as the states of New Hampshire and Vermont.

The Senator's visit comes on the heels of a visit by New Hampshire Governor John Lynch in September of last year. The governor presented Hypertherm with a commendation and later awarded the company a \$100,000 workforce development grant.

Hypertherm designs and manufactures the world's most advanced metal cutting systems for use in a variety of industries such as shipbuilding, manufacturing, and automotive repair. Its product line includes handheld and mechanized plasma cutters and consumables, as well as CNC motion and height controls. Hypertherm systems are trusted for fast, precision cutting and reliability that results in increased productivity and profitability for tens of thousands of businesses. The New Hampshire based company's reputation for plasma innovation dates back 40 years, to 1968, with Hypertherm's invention of water injection plasma cutting. The company, consistently named one of the best places to work in America, has more than 900 associates along with regional operations and partner representation worldwide.

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