

## **HARBEC, Inc. Strengthens its Commitment to Quality, Dedicates New Space for State of the Art Quality Lab**

***Ontario, NY based HARBEC, Inc. completes facility modification, adding space and new equipment to bolster the capabilities of its Quality Department.***

Quality is a core business value and top priority for sustainable injection molder HARBEC, Inc. Bob Bechtold, President of HARBEC stated, “We’ve had a longstanding reputation for delivering high-quality parts to our customers. Our commitment to quality begins and ends with our employees. We have, through our ISO 9001 management standard, worked very hard to make quality everyone’s responsibility at HARBEC. Further, we empower quality teams and ensure they have the right training, technology, and tools for their jobs.”

HARBEC expanded its quality room to accommodate new inspection capabilities, space, and capabilities to align with the growing part inspection and quality needs of customers, particularly in medical device, aerospace, and transportation sectors. HARBEC’s quality department now occupies nearly 600 square feet, accommodating space for new equipment such as an automated Sheffield Discovery CMM, 5 new high-powered microscopes, and a Brown and Sharpe Optiv Classic 123 Vision System to name a few. While added space for quality is important, ultimately it is HARBEC’s ability to integrate a culture of quality throughout its facility and among employees that makes the difference.

To ensure their objectives are met, the HARBEC Quality team works within the ISO 9001 framework and strives for excellence in each phase of the part manufacturing lifecycle including design, prototype, and production.

The Quality team leverages their shared professional experience, capabilities, equipment and software to meet the demanding quality requirements of a diverse customer base spanning medical device, aerospace, defense, electronics, sporting goods, transportation, and consumer products.

In using rigorous inspection and statistical process control (SPC) practices, HARBEC is able to ensure quality from part design, through tooling, production and completed product. With the help of 10 quality engineers and 20 inspectors, HARBEC routinely performs internal audits of their “closed loop” quality management and documentation system, always striving for continual improvement.

“We take pride in delivering high-quality parts to our customers. At HARBEC we don’t confine quality to a department – quality is a company-wide commitment” states Quality manager, Kevin Ralg.

From part design to prototype, process engineering to production, quality is a number one priority for HARBEC. Kevin Ralg continues, “quality is everyone’s business at HARBEC. Although the new quality space is a welcomed upgrade at a facility level, we also strive for continuous improvement in all that we do so that quality remains top priority for every department, every employee, and every customer part.”

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#### *ABOUT HARBEC*

Founded by Bob Bechtold in 1977, HARBEC's mission is to provide tightly toleranced prototypes, tooling, machined components and quality injection molded parts in a sustainable manner with a social conscience. HARBEC provides superior customer service, satisfaction and timely delivery of custom engineered solutions. HARBEC proudly fosters an atmosphere of encouragement and respect for the health and prosperity of their customers, employees, and the global community.

HARBEC provides capabilities and solutions for the consumer products, sporting goods, defense/aerospace, transportation, medical, marine, and energy industries. HARBEC has capabilities in the use of innovative materials, problem-solving, and working with R&D and commercial organizations on unique prototypes or engineering and manufacturing groups on high volume production. HARBEC has capabilities for short (1-to-100 parts) or longer run (>1M parts) production.

HARBEC is certified as an ITAR, ISO9000-2008, ISO14001, and ISO50001/SEP Company, demonstrating its use of "eco-economic" decisions and policies designed to ensure that its activities are sustainable. HARBEC has developed and implemented technical and process solutions to offset emissions, utilize waste and conserve resources. HARBEC reached its goal of "no carbon footprint" in 2013. Currently, the facility has a 250kW and 850kW wind turbines and operates a twenty-five microturbine combined heat and power plant which generates electricity and provides thermal energy to meet the heating and cooling requirements of the facility. For more information, please visit: [www.HARBEC.com](http://www.HARBEC.com).

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