

## News Release

### Solid Concepts Upgrades Quality Certifications

VALENCIA, CA – October 12, 2009—Solid Concepts Inc., a leading supplier of rapid prototyping and direct digital manufacturing services, announced today that it has upgraded its' ISO certifications for their quality management system to the ISO 9001:2008 standard for their Valencia, Poway and Austin facilities. In addition, their Austin facility is now AS9100 certified along with the existing AS9100 certification they hold for their Valencia facility.

While the ISO certification has become a familiar quality benchmark for manufacturing, the AS9100 standard is one that many may not be familiar with. AS9100 is an international aerospace quality system standard overseen by the International Aerospace Quality Group. The quality management system is based on and exceeds the ISO 9001:2008 quality standard, including 80 additional requirements and 18 amplifications to the standard including independent validation of materials and processes.

“These certifications demonstrate the company’s commitment to meet the highest quality standards” said Beckie Christie, Director of Quality for Solid Concepts Inc. “Meeting these requirements ensures customers that the company will consistently meet their quality expectations.”

While the AS9100 standard is targeted to the aerospace industry, all customers benefit from the company meeting the strict quality requirements.

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*Founded in 1991, Solid Concepts supplies rapid prototyping, direct digital manufacturing, tooling and injection molding services. Solid Concepts has grown steadily to a five-facility, multiple technology company known to be a solutions provider with project management and engineering expertise. Capabilities in PolyJet™ high precision 3D printing, Stereolithography (SLA) models and patterns, HDSL (High Definition Stereolithography), Selective Laser Sintering (SLS), Direct Digital Manufacturing, CNC models and patterns, and QuantumCast™ advanced urethane castings, allows for low-volume production of plastic, urethane, and metal components directly from design data, resulting in significant time and cost savings. Capabilities in tooling and injection molding make Solid Concepts a one-stop source to bring concepts from prototype to finished product ready for market. ISO 9001:2008 and AS9100 Rev. B certified.*

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