

West Point Foundry & Machine Company Receives Government Contract

July 7, 2009: West Point Foundry & Machine Company announced today that it has been awarded a government contract for the United States Army. The contract includes the research and development, product design and the production and testing of a prototype for an Armored Vehicle Lifting System.

This system will initially be used to support the M88 RESET maintenance program at Fort Benning, GA. West Point's design concept will allow the Armored Vehicle Lifting System to be easily adapted to other types of vehicles, including the M1A1/2 Abrams Main Battle Tank and the Armored Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

“This is an exciting project for our company. Our employees have all worked very hard to transition West Point Foundry & Machine Company from our traditional textile machinery business to develop new markets for our products and services. This project is a great example of our design and production capabilities,” said Pate Huguley, President of West Point Foundry & Machine Company.

A M88 Tank Recovery Vehicle was delivered this week from Fort Benning to West Point Foundry & Machine Company's main manufacturing facility to be used for design and testing. The M88 Armored Tank Recovery Vehicle is designed to recover damaged armored vehicles from the frontline while under fire during combat operations. The M88 is capable of dragging a disabled tank back to a safe area where it can be repaired and returned to service.



Harold Cook, Senior Engineer for West Point said, “This project is a perfect fit for our design and manufacturing capabilities. We will be able to utilize our years of experience in fabrication, hydraulics and process controls to develop a system that is capable of safely and efficiently lifting over 145,000 pounds.”

In addition to the Armored Vehicle Lifting System, West Point has developed for the US Army a maintenance cart to assist in handling the engine and transmission for the M88 Tank Recovery Vehicle. They have also worked with the Fort Benning weapons repair facility to develop a number of storage racks for a variety of weapons that are used in the United States Army training activities at Fort Benning.

West Point Foundry and Machine Company, founded in 1868, is an engineering and manufacturing company located in West Point, Georgia. The company specializes in developing practical engineered solutions, designed for process improvements, safety and efficiency. Capabilities include mechanical and electrical engineering, steel fabrication, machining, assembly and testing. For more information, please visit www.westpoint.com. Contact: Pate Huguley, President (706) 643-2483, phuguley@westpoint.com