

Horst Engineering Acquires Boston Area Machine Company

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Horst Engineering and Manufacturing Co., a precision machining shop in **East Hartford**, on Wednesday said it acquired Sterling Machine Company Inc. in Lynn, Mass., for an undisclosed purchase price.

Horst, which has 85 employees in Connecticut, said that it plans to keep Sterling's 33 employees and its president, Robert Struzziero, in place and operate it as an independent company.

"We are very excited about this acquisition as there is very little overlap in the customers we serve," Scott Livingston, chief executive of Horst Engineering, said in a written statement. "Like Horst, Sterling specializes in producing close tolerance high precision aerospace components from a wide range of high strength metals and polymers."

The two family businesses — Horst founded in 1946 and Sterling in 1964 — make parts for the aerospace industry. Sterling's sister business, Thread Rolling Inc., is a long-time Horst supplier.

"I have enjoyed a close relationship with Bob for many years, and I know that his team makes high quality products," Livingston said.