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STRESS ENGINEERING DONATES DEFIBRILLATOR FOR WALLER COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Employee-Owned Company Expanding to Waller County

HEMPSTEAD, April 22, 2008 – Stress Engineering Services today presented an automatic external defibrillator to Waller County Judge Owen Ralston for use at the Waller County Courthouse in Hempstead.

“As a company focused on the testing and performance of heavy equipment for the subsea and refinery segments of the oil and gas industry, we are well aware of how important backup preparations are in case of emergencies,” said Stress Vice President Randy Long. “Although we hope it will never have to be used, we hope that the availability of this device indicates to the people of Waller County our intention to be a contributor to the region’s health, growth, and prosperity.”

The defibrillator, an AED-Plus made by ZOLL Medical Corporation, provides rescuers with automated capabilities to restore cardiac arrest victims’ heart activity with programmed steps of CPR and electrical stimulation. Research presented at the 2007 American Heart Association meeting reported that CPR combined with use of an AED more than doubled the chances of surviving out-of-hospital cardiac arrest. Other research proving that the shortest time to defibrillation can produce the highest survival rates has led to expanded placement of AEDs in public buildings and areas.

Stress will soon break ground in construction of a new 25,000 sq. ft. testing facility on 92 acres of land on Old Houston Highway 1.5 miles west of Waller, following Commissioners’ Court action in late February to grant a tax abatement for company’s expansion to this location. “Waller County has the infrastructure, access and positive attitude that we were looking for in our search for an expansion site,” Long said.

Stress Engineering Services (<http://www.stress.com/>) is an independent, employee-owned consulting engineering firm that has been named one of 2008’s Best Companies to Work for in Texas by the Texas Association of Business. Headquartered in Houston with offices in Cincinnati and New Orleans, Stress performs full-scale testing, mechanical design, product development, subsea engineering, project management and other engineering services for the oil and gas, offshore drilling and production and consumer products industries.

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