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SEPARATING THE SKIDS at Continental Technologies is just a small part of a complicated contract. The contracts come to the Ponca City plant from across the nation.

Continental Technologies – At Home in Ponca City

Continental Technologies (ConTech) is a service and manufacturing company that assists developers in energy and chemical industries to move technological innovations through the developmental curve from conception to commercialization.

ConTech focuses on pilot plants which are process units built on skids in a controlled environment. The design and fabrication of these units is produced in a modular form so the units can be shipped to customers and easily reassembled. ConTech also provides operator training and start-up help to these customers. At some point in the not too distant future, ConTech's goal is to keep a portion of these plants in Ponca City and operate them on behalf of their clients.

There are only a handful of companies that specialize in these high tech small process plants. ConTech is the only company whose staff is experienced with the design, fabrication and operation of this type of equipment in the Ponca City area.

All of the company's staff and management gained their unique and extensive experience from working the Research and Development departments at DuPont, Conoco and then ConocoPhillips.

"We love working in Ponca City," Project Manager Todd Harkins stated, "Over the past few years, we have worked with local companies and formed alliances. These alliances have enabled our young company to tackle larger and more complex projects."

As larger oil and gas companies continue to consolidate R&D facilities and staff to other locations, there are a number of employees that will choose not to relocate. These employees represent a knowledgeable and experienced workforce highly skilled in process technologies.

ConTech is proud to be in Ponca City and is delighted to have the opportunity to employ such high quality staff.

The company is small but starting to grow rapidly and looks forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship with the city and the surrounding area.

The last night months have been enervating for the "Green" industry. The U.S. Dept. of Energy has awarded over \$1.2 billion to companies to scale-up their alternative and "green" energy technologies in an effort to accelerate the move towards a lower carbon country.

"ConTech is on the leading edge of what appears to be a large opportunity with new "Green" initiatives, pilot programs and innovative technology. Many of the companies who have been awarded these grants are funded to build exactly the sort of pilot plants that ConTech was created to facilitate," said President and Owner Paul Grimmer, "Having added four major new projects in the past month, our company is now worrying about how to get all of the work done. That's a nice problem to have."