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**ITW SEXTON TEAMS WITH ASI
TO GENERATE NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES
IN SOUTH & SOUTHWEST**

Decatur, AL, April 2, 2012 – ITW Sexton, a world leader in the production of deep drawn stampings, has formed a strategic alliance with ASI, a Hot Springs, AR manufacturer’s rep firm. ASI will help ITW Sexton find new markets throughout Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma and west Tennessee for the customized stampings it manufactures at its Martinsburg, WV facility.

“I am confident that ASI can help us increase demand throughout the South and Southwest for our deep drawn stampings,” says **Yuriy Wowczuk**, ITW Sexton’s general manager. “ASI’s diverse customer base should give us many occasions to put our engineering and manufacturing expertise to creative use.”

Aubrey Vaughn established ASI more than 30 years ago. During that time, the company has been serving OEMs, including many Fortune 500 companies, in the electrical, electronics, energy, HVAC, lawn & garden, medical and metal fabrication sectors.

“The timing of our partnership with ITW Sexton is outstanding because it gives us opportunities to up-sell established customers and form relationships with new ones,” says **Bryan Vaughn**, ASI’s vice president of sales. “Lately, many of our customers have been asking
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us for deep drawn metal stampings, so it made sense to partner with a well-established company that has a reputation for manufacturing high-quality products, and can support our customers' design and ISO compliance requirements.”

About ASI

ASI is an independent manufacturer's rep firm that serves companies in the electrical, electronics, energy, HVAC, lawn & garden, medical and metal fabrication sectors. Many of ASI's customers are Fortune 500 companies. ASI was founded by Aubrey Vaughn in 1976 as Automation Supplies, Inc. The company is based in Hot Springs, AR, and has customers in Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma and west Tennessee.

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About ITW Sexton

ITW Sexton manufactures deep drawn stampings at its Martinsburg, WV facility, and produces high-pressure aerosol cans in Decatur, AL. ITW Sexton is a division of Illinois Tool Works (ITW), a Fortune 500 company that produces engineered fasteners and components, equipment and consumable systems, and specialty products. ITW employs nearly 60,000 people in 825 business units and has operations in 52 countries. The company is based in Glenview, IL, near Chicago.

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