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Independent Forms Services, Inc. Announces Merger with Eastern Specialties Company, Inc. (ESCO)

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Independent Forms Services, Inc. and ESCO announced today that they have signed a merger agreement that will combine operations underneath the Independent Form Services, Inc. name. The company will conduct business out of IFS corporate headquarters in Joliet, IL.

This agreement will allow Independent Forms Services to better serve its current customers through additional product offerings, while continuing the same level of customer care that ESCO has given to its customers for decades. IFS has invested time and money into improving its customer service operations through its website and online ordering system. The company also has systems in place to track and report on forms and supplies usage, expanding on the level of service that customers expect.

Current management at IFS will remain unchanged. Kurt Engdahl, president of ESCO, will remain a part of day-to-day operations, sales and customer service during this time of transition. "This merger joins two service organizations with decades of combined experience serving the same industries. Our company, in conjunction with Mr. Engdahl, looks forward to providing exceptional service to its current and new customer base," says IFS chairman Wayne Kubek.

About Independent Forms Services

Independent Forms Services, Inc. is a full service provider of Print Management Services with over 32 years of experience and multi-million dollar sales. In addition to print management, IFS provides design and printing services, as well as distribution from their own 25,000 square foot warehouse tracking over 35,000 forms. Other IFS product lines include custom printing, envelopes, computer supplies, office supplies, stock forms, furniture, and ad specialty items.

About Eastern Specialty Company, Inc.

Eastern Specialties Company, Inc. is a family-owned supplier and manufacturer of high quality supplies for banks and other financial institutions. Founded in 1962, ESCO has built a reputation for quality and service second to none. Their product line includes ATM and teller supplies, coin and currency supplies, printed forms and documents, proof and item processing products, and imaging supplies.

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