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## McLane Advanced Technologies Acquires Local IT Firm

**Temple, TX** – President Bob Reeves recently announced an exciting acquisition to create one of the largest full-service information technology companies in Central Texas. On December 29, 2006 McLane Advanced Technologies (MAT), a local government and commercial technology company, finalized the acquisition of Temple-based Texas Networking Solutions. McLane Advanced Technologies currently has offices in Temple, Waco, Dallas, Alabama, and Virginia. The MAT International offices are located in Kuwait and Iraq with a new location soon to open in Germany.

Skip Carruth, MAT's Vice President for Commercial Services led the acquisition process and says "this merger will help us expand our service offerings and add value to our clients." MAT and Texas Networking were friendly competitors in this market up until this merger.

Texas Networking Solutions was founded in 1997 by Brandon D. Bulls and purchased by Eric Kasner and Blake Leinart in April of 2004. They bring to MAT over 100 area businesses ranging from construction companies, schools, insurance agencies, and manufactures. Combined with the McLane Advanced Technologies' Commercial Division who serves over 200 local companies, this acquisition combines the expertise and great customer service into one powerful team.

The acquisition was possible when Texas Networking Co-owner, Blake Leinart, decided to join his family's manufacturing business in Belton. Leinart wants his customers to know that "I appreciated the opportunity to serve our clients and friends over the past two years and I'm confident they are in good hands with Skip and his team."

Eric Kasner, Co-owner of Texas Networking, wanted to continue providing IT services by joining MAT along with network technician Matt Bestram. Eric says, "I look forward to joining the McLane Advanced Technologies family and building on the strong relationship we've developed with our clients. My team and I are committed to MAT and to providing innovative technology solutions to Texas businesses."

Although there is a short-term transition period following an acquisition, Skip Carruth says "we are always working very hard to better serve our clients and meet the technology needs of Central Texas businesses." Customer service and responsiveness will remain priorities as MAT continues to grow throughout Central Texas. President Bob Reeves comments, "The acquisition of Texas Networking will allow us to expand our base in the area making MAT the premier provider of IT services to the small-medium sized business.

To learn more about MAT and their services, please visit [www.mclaneat.com](http://www.mclaneat.com) or call 254-770-6165. Skip Carruth, Vice President for Commercial Services can be reached directly at 254-791-8300. To contact the MAT Waco office, please call 254-399-8113.

### **About McLane Advanced Technologies**

McLane Advanced Technologies, LLC provides both government and commercial information technology and logistics services. MAT serves U.S. military, government, and commercial customers throughout the world.

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