

McCREARY MODERN EMPLOYEES ACQUIRE 30% STAKE IN THE COMPANY

McCreary Modern's Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP) has acquired a 30% stake in the North Carolina based furniture manufacturer. Bob McCreary, Chairman of the Board and majority shareholder, will remain active in the business.

"My wife Michele and I are thrilled to be able to provide our employees with a direct stake in the ownership and growth of this company. The benefits provided through the ESOP are in addition to all current company benefits. We will continue to have a 401(k) plan, and employees will not spend a nickel for the stock they receive. It is all funded by current and future company profits," said Bob McCreary.

Upholstery and Occasional manufacturer McCreary Modern, Inc. maintains six manufacturing facilities in western North Carolina.

"It is extraordinary to see people like the McCrearys who are totally focused on the welfare of their employees and are anxious to recognize the contribution of long-term employees to the company's success," acknowledged Rick Coffey, President of McCreary Modern.

"It has been our dream for many years to provide something over and above the pay and excellent benefits that our employees currently receive, stated Mr. McCreary, "and we believe our ESOP is an especially appropriate way to recognize that our employees are a primary reason for the success of this business."

"These are exciting and challenging times for the employee owners of McCreary Modern," stated Mr. Coffey. "Being employee owned will allow us to be even more efficient in navigating our way through the current economic situation. Our plans are to continue to improve our operations during this economy downturn and emerge as an even stronger company than we are today."