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Handibot Smart Tool to be Introduced at CED Tech Venture Conference

Durham, NC, Sept. 3, 2015 — ShopBot Tools, Inc., the Durham-based manufacturer of professional digital fabrication tools, introduces the production version of the Handibot[®] Smart Power Tool at the Council for Entrepreneurial Development's Tech Venture Conference, Sept. 15-16 at the Raleigh Convention Center.

The Handibot[®] is a portable, computer-driven fabrication tool, sized to fit on a desktop, that enables you to cut, carve, mill, and machine a wide variety of materials including wood, MDF, plastics, and aluminum with power and precision. ShopBot's Director of Marketing, Jeanne Taylor said, "Handibot is a professional production mill, priced like a hobbyist tool. This tool enables anyone with interest in making – whether a weekend hobbyist, a solo entrepreneur in his or her garage, or a small-to-midsize company – to prototype and produce **real products from real materials.**" The Handibot is available exclusively at handibot.com for \$2795.

ShopBot CEO Ted Hall said, "CED Tech Venture celebrates the entrepreneurial tech community of the Southeast, so it is the perfect venue for Handibot. This is the first of a new breed of power tools – power tools with smarts." Hall continued, "Conceived as an 'open innovation' platform, Handibot has been evolving with crowd-sourced ideas, developer-version testing, and accessory invention – all in a supportive ecosystem of collaborators and enthusiasts."

ShopBot has focused solely on innovating manufacturing technology since its founding almost 20 years ago. Hall said, "We want to make the tools of modern manufacturing accessible to all. To us, Handibot's open, crowd-sourced, and distributed-manufacturing concept represents a new model of product development for an increasingly collaborative, connected, and social world. It's an expression of our interest and enthusiasm for moving towards more rational, environmentally and technologically appropriate approaches to product development and manufacturing."

ABOUT SHOPBOT

Founded in 1996, ShopBot Tools' mission is to make the empowering technology of digital fabrication widely accessible and usable. ShopBot's subtractive digital fabrication tools (also known as CNC routers), working across a range of sizes, deliver the power, precision, and reliability of digital tools traditionally costing thousands of dollars more.

With over 8000 tools at work around the world, ShopBot Tools, Inc., is one of the largest producers of digital fabrication equipment for small-to-mid sized manufacturing, DIY, and education markets. All ShopBots are designed and built in ShopBot's Durham headquarters. CED has named ShopBot Tools one of the Top 25 Companies to Watch in North Carolina.