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Press Release: Centro Inc. Automation & Robotics Division appointed as Distributor for Rethink Robotics

Centro Inc. www.CentroSolves.com with offices in Little Rock and El Dorado, AR Shreveport, LA, Mobile and Birmingham, AL, Memphis and Nashville, TN has been appointed as the a distributor for Rethink Robotics <https://www.rethinkrobotics.com/>

Centro will distribute the Sawyer collaborative robot from Rethink Robotics in Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee, Florida Panhandle, Mississippi, Arkansas and the Northern half of Louisiana.

The Rethink Robotics product line will become part of the Automation & Robotics Division which is managed by Jerry Walling, Division Sales Manager.

About Centro:

Centro Inc., founded in Memphis in 1970, is a specialty representative and distributor company focusing on customers in the Industrial Process & Manufacturing Market. The company serves customers through six product focused divisions:

- Instrumentation, Measurement & Control Division
- Valve, Actuation & Engineered Products Division
- Purification & Filtration Division.
- Pump & Seal Division
- Process Equipment & Sanitary Division
- Automation & Robotics Division

Centro has experienced significant growth since an ownership change in 2002 and has been recognized by the Memphis Business Journal with a Pacesetter Award. Centro is one of the top 100 Privately Held Businesses in Memphis and was selected by the Memphis Business Journal as Small Business of the Year in 2012.

About the Sawyer and Rethink Robotics:

In 2012, Rethink Robotics ushered in the new age of collaborative robots, with the introduction of the Baxter. Before Baxter, people and robots did not work side by side. Manufacturing robots were kept behind cages, programmed by highly paid specialists, and were purchased for a single purpose only. Rethink changed all of that.

Collaborative robots are safe to be around, require a much smaller footprint, and are inexpensive enough to provide a rapid return on investment. They are the solution of choice for manufacturers looking to boost productivity and quality in their operations. An industry that once looked to automation for volume production is now seeking flexibility, as labor rates rise, consumer demands constantly change, and companies compete in a global market.

The Sawyer is the revolutionary collaborative robot designed to execute tasks that have been impractical to automate with traditional industrial robots. Sawyer gives manufacturers the high performance automation they need, while maintaining the flexibility, safety and affordability synonymous with the Rethink brand.

Sawyer features a 7 degree of freedom robot arm with a 1260 mm reach that maneuvers into tight spaces and operates in work cells designed for humans. Built-in force sensing capabilities allow it to make adaptive decisions as tasks run, enabling Sawyer to work precisely ($\pm .1$ mm), while operating safely next to people.

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