



REMSA

THE RAILWAY ENGINEERING-MAINTENANCE SUPPLIERS ASSOCIATION

REMSA Member Budde Enterprises Hosts Congressman Ron Estes

Newton, KS - On Tuesday, Congressman Ron Estes (R-Kansas) joined the Railway Engineering-Maintenance Suppliers Association (REMSA) and its member **Budde Enterprises** for a tour of their repair and custom metal fabrication facility in Newton, Kansas.

Congressman Estes was first elected to represent Kansas's 4th district in 2017 after serving as the Kansas State Treasurer from 2010-2017. Estes is on the tax-writing Committee on Ways and Means, including its subcommittees on Social Security and Worker and Family Support.



Rep. Ron Estes (KS-4) views one of Budde Enterprises' custom built storage solutions with Owner Carrie Budde and General Manager Rusty Krehbiel

“Today I met with the great employees of Budde Enterprises with the Railway Engineering-Maintenance Suppliers Association and toured their exceptional manufacturing facility in Newton,” said Rep. Estes. “The talents of these skilled workers keep our railway infrastructure sound and allow farms and businesses in Kansas to transport goods across the country. I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to ensure that our rail infrastructure is robust and continues to support the economy and jobs in south central Kansas.”

Budde Enterprises, which has been family owned and operated for two generations, specializes in railroad equipment service, repair, and maintenance, as well as custom metal fabrication and product design. Recently, they have invested in a 40,000 square foot expansion to their facility including a CNC machine and R1234YF machine. In addition to rail customers, Budde Enterprises supports companies in the aviation, agriculture, energy, and transportation sectors.



Rusty Krehbiel, General Manager of Budde Enterprises, shows Rep. Estes a custom order

"We are thankful to have the opportunity to work with our government to influence decisions that are positive for our work force and small businesses in Kansas. It is nice to see our officials getting out and getting their eyes on what blue collar Americans do to drive our economy. We are proud of our people and the amazing things they are capable of and thankful to work with railroads to keep our economy moving" said Carrie Budde, Owner of Budde Enterprises.



Rep. Estes views some of Budde Enterprises' new products and machinery

At the event, REMSA thanked Congressman Estes for his work in the Ways and Means Committee securing a five-year extension of the Section 45G Short Line Tax Credit, as well as being a cosponsor of H.R.510, the Building Rail Access for Customers and the Economy (BRACE) Act. The BRACE Act would make the short line tax credit permanent and allow the nation's small, local freight railroads to increase investment into their rail infrastructure and better serve their customers throughout rural and small-town America. The tax credit has helped small railroads invest more than \$4 billion in capital infrastructure improvements since it was enacted in 2005.

In Kansas, 13 freight railroads operate 4,675 miles of rail. More than 4,955 Kansans work for freight railroads.

All attendees of this event wore face coverings, avoided close contact, and observed CDC best practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The Railway Engineering-Maintenance Suppliers Association (REMSA) is a non-profit membership-based organization located in Washington, DC that represents and promotes companies and individuals who manufacture or sell products and/or services in the railroad maintenance-of-way (MOW) industry. Our \$5 billion MOW industry supports over 35,000 jobs nationwide. Visit www.remsa.org for more information.

Interested in hosting a Grassroots event at your facility? [CLICK HERE](#)

