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North Shore [Steel \(www.nssco.com\)](http://www.nssco.com), a steel [service](#) center located in Houston, Texas, is pleased to announce the acquisition of the equipment assets of Houston Blow Pipe, a 100+ year-old plate processing business also located in Houston, Texas.

The acquisition includes four press brakes, one of which is a 3000-ton press brake with a 27.5' bed, giving North Shore Steel the largest press brake capacity in the Gulf Coast. The acquisition also includes several plate rolling machines, welding equipment, and forklifts.

CEO and President Buzzy Bluestone says the acquisition of the press brake equipment is the ideal complement to North Shore Steel's steel processing capabilities, which includes rolling (up to 10" thick), plasma and oxy fuel burning, press forming, CNC profiling (shells and heads), machining, code welding, and NDE testing.

Houston Blow Pipe has enjoyed a reputation for providing high quality products and services, and North Shore Steel intends to carry on with that tradition, providing the same high quality products and services pursuant to North Shore Steel's ISO Quality Management System and utilizing its highly skilled and dedicated workforce.

In keeping with the company's motto, "Your Success Is Our Passion," Vice President and third-generation owner David Bluestone said, "This is a great opportunity to offer increased press brake capacity to our customers, growth opportunities for our employees, and diversify into new end markets. We are very excited to grow our business under the third-generation of family and non-family leaders and this strategic asset acquisition is a great example."

North Shore Steel's strategy is to win with speed and customer service. The company's vision is "to support development, growth, and well-being in the communities we serve as an industry-leading [metals](#) service center."

As the premier steel service center serving the Gulf Coast Region, North Shore Steel offers a wide range of carbon, stainless, aluminum, and galvanized products, including structural steel, pipe, fittings, flanges, and plate. In addition, value-added services include cut- to- length, CNC burning, rolling, press forming, welding and NDE, CNC profiling, CNC machining, and blasting and priming. For more information, please visit [www.nssco.com](http://www.nssco.com).

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