# APPLICATION BRIEF

## ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMBER PRESSURE CONTROL PANEL

### **Background:**

Emerging Technologies, LLC was called upon to modify an existing pressure / flow measurement panel to include automated backpressure control. Additionally, the panel was to be configured for use inside an existing environmental test chamber. Measurements of airflow and pressure, as well as vacuum flow and pressure, were required. Remote pressure control was required to manipulate the pressure without compromising the environmental chamber.

#### Solution:

The pressure line is regulated via an electronically controlled backpressure regulator. In the pressure loop, the new electronic controller controls the air pressure emanating from the product. The computer is only required to download pressure control set points. Once set points are loaded into the non-volatile memory of the pressure controller, the computer can be disconnected. The vacuum loop remains under manual control via a manually operated hand valve.

Operating inside the environmental chamber required the panel to be both compact and able to operate within the temperature and humidity control range of the chamber.

Emerging Technologies, LLC prepared a design package for the customer to review before the panel was manufactured. The design packet contained system layout diagrams. Once approved by the customer, the panel was fabricated, tested, and delivered to the customer.



#### ET Responsibilities:

- Functional Specification Generation
- ✓ Design / Engineering
- √ Fabrication
  - Programming Software Programming – Firmware Field Installation
- ✓ On-Site Commissioning
- ✓ Post Commissioning Support Other

#### Technologies:

- Embedded Computers Microcontrollers Visual Software
- ✓ Control Software Data Acquisition
- ✓ Computer Based Control
- ✓ Communications RS232, RS485 System Integration Other

#### **Special Features:**

- ✓ Automatic backpressure control.
  - Ability to operate inside the environmental test chamber with the device under test.
- ✓ Ability to remotely change pressure setpoints from outside the environmental test chamber.