

## ***Caterpillar Inc., Eaton Corp., and ABB Ltd. Domestic Outsourcing***

“Companies such as Caterpillar Inc., Eaton Corp. and ABB Ltd. have been locally outsourcing their plant-floor equipment maintenance to Peoria, Ill. – based Advanced Technology Services Inc. (ATS)” (Industry Week, 2006). The aim of these companies is to source a company which can do the process better. Partnerships such as these can increase a company’s capacity to provide technologically advance products with the investment in the capital needed to produce the goods or services.

Companies can learn from this example, and could consider partnering with domestic companies to manage some of the non-core operations. This could give companies additional capacity and open the company up to a beneficial long-term partnership.

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