

SENATOR AL FRANKEN VISITS DOUGLAS MACHINE IN ALEXANDRIA, MN

The visit with Senator Al Franken went very well and I believe he got a great feel of our business, our people and our culture. He had a few critical questions at the beginning which gave us a great opportunity to answer some common misconceptions about ESOPs. Then Senator Franken had a chance to meet with numerous employee-owners who had a chance to tell them about their ESOP experiences and how their day-to-day responsibilities are impacted by our ownership culture. The Senator and his staff were constantly amazed by our highly technical business, our people and our success throughout the economic slowdown. The MN/Dakotas Chapter president, Sarah Niklaus, joined the Douglas team for the tour and was able to communicate with two of the Senator's staffers. We also had several members of the media present and have already seen some of the press in our local media. All in all I couldn't have asked for more out of the visit and hopefully this will be a big step towards creating another ally in Washington.

