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**2011 Semi-Finalists announced for Aerospace & Defense Supply Chain Awards**

Irvine, California – October 20, 2011 – **Supplier Excellence Alliance (SEA)**, headquartered in Irvine, California, has announced the semi-finalists for the prestigious 2011 **Aerospace & Defense Industry Supply Chain Awards**. Winners will be announced at the 5<sup>th</sup> Awards Gala on November 17, 2011 at the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, Villas & Spa in Indian Wells, California.

The Awards Gala, designed for supplier company owners, CEOs and their guests, will recognize the performance and leadership contributions of small- to mid-sized supplier companies with nationwide representation.

Executives from major prime and tier-one contractors as well as from supplier companies will attend the Awards Gala. Out of 670 Nominations, the Panel of Judges forwarded 44 applications to the semi-finalist stage. The Judges are retired aerospace and defense industry executives representing the SCORE organization that is co-sponsored by the Small Business Administration. SCORE Counselors are retired executives who volunteer their time to help small businesses owner throughout the nation to improve their businesses.

A **golf outing, Supplier Reception and Supplier CEO Conference** will precede the Awards Gala at the Hyatt Grand Champions Villas & Spa in Indian Wells, California. SEA Members will also participate in a **Supply Chain Summit** where customers and suppliers engage in an ongoing dialogue about changes in the supply chain and how these are impacting suppliers across the country.

- For a complete description of the awards and the judging process [Click Here](#)
- For more information on the Awards event [Click Here](#). Those individuals wishing to attend the events may also register on this page.
- For a list of Semi-Finalists, [Click Here](#)

SEA is an 8-year-old aerospace & defense non-profit alliance founded by prime and tier-one companies and led by sub-tier suppliers committed to accelerating supply chain performance. SEA customers benefit from increasing performance and supply chain transparency. SEA provides a lean management system and a voluntary supplier certification program for enhanced visibility, performance, and collaboration. SEA is funded by supplier memberships and sponsorships.

SEA partners and alliances include The Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME), The National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), Vistage International, The International Aerospace Quality Group (IAQG), A|D|S, the UK's AeroSpace, Defence and Security Trade Organization and The California Space Authority.

To learn more, visit the SEA website at <http://www.seaonline.org>.