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2010 Aerospace & Defense Supply Chain Award Finalists and Winners Announced

Irvine, California –November 22, 2010 – The Supplier Excellence Alliance (SEA) Aerospace & Defense Industry Supply Chain Award finalists and winners were announced at the 4th Annual Awards Gala on November 18, 2010 at the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort and Villas in Indian Wells, California.

SEA is a 7-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 enjoy increasing performance, reduced risk, and best value. SEA provides a platform for supplier visibility, performance improvement and collaboration. SEA is non-profit 501c6 funded by supplier memberships and sponsorships.

The 4th Annual Aerospace & Defense Industry Supply Chain Awards recognized the performance and leadership contributions of small- to midsized supplier companies. Awards were announced at a black-tie gala attended by award finalists and hundreds aerospace and defense companies. Looking very much like an Academy Awards ceremony, award presentations followed a reception and gala dinner and executives from both supplier companies and prime and tier-one contractors served as presenters for seven award categories.

Award winners by category are:

In the **Stephen E. Barton Leadership & Culture Award** category, the award went to **MPC Industries**, Irvine, California.

In the **Workforce Development Award** category, the award went to **Schrillo Company LLC**, North Hills, California.

In the **Operational Excellence Award** category, the award went to **SMS Technologies, Inc.**, San Diego, California.

In the **Supply Chain Innovation Award** category, the award went to **Hixson Metal Finishing**, Newport Beach, California.

In the **Performance Award: Most Improved Supplier** category, the award went to **TSI Plastics, Inc**, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

In the **Customer of the Year Award** category, the award went to **ITT Force Protection Systems**, , Thousand Oaks, California.

The prestigious **Richard Hall Award for Leadership Excellence** went to **Douglas C. Greene**, President, Hixson Metal Finishing, Newport Beach, California and **John Yerger**, President and COO, SMS Technologies, Inc., San Diego, California.

For a list of finalists, click [HERE](#)

These excellent companies and individuals will join the prestigious [SEA Winner's Circle](#).

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