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**2011 Aerospace & Defense Supply Chain Award Finalists and Winners Announced**

Irvine, California –November 21, 2011 – The Supplier Excellence Alliance (SEA) Aerospace & Defense Industry Supply Chain Award finalists and winners were announced at the 5th Annual Awards Event on November 17, 2011 at the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort and Villas in Indian Wells, California.

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

The 5th 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 **National Technical Systems (NTS)**, Calabasas, California.

In the *Workforce Development Award* category, the awards went to **Cal-Comp USA**, San Diego, CA, and **Forest City Gear**, Roscoe, Illinois.

In the *Operational Excellence Award* category, the award went to **Hixson Metal Finishing**, Newport Beach, California.

In the *Supply Chain Innovation Award* category, the award went to **Hercules Heat Treating Corporation**, Brooklyn, New York.

In the *Performance Award: Most Improved Supplier* category, the award went to **MPC Industries**, Irvine, California.

In the *Customer of the Year Award* category, the award went to **Boeing Defense, Space & Security**, El Segundo, California.

The prestigious *Richard Hall Award for Leadership Excellence* went to **Marzel Neckien**, President, W Machine Works, San Fernando, California and **William C. McGinnis**, CEO, NTS, Calabasas, California.

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

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

**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.**

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