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### **Superior Joining Pursues Lean Management Certification Through Supplier Excellence Alliance**

MACHESNEY PARK, Illinois – Superior Joining Technologies, Inc. is pursuing lean-management certification through the Supplier Excellence Alliance. SEA is an aerospace and defense alliance led by sub-tier suppliers who want to accelerate supply-chain performance to mid-tier customers.

The SEA certification is a twelve-month process of self-assessment and an on-site audit.

“This is a challenging and expensive process, but we know that it will help us reduce waste, be more profitable and be a better supplier to our aerospace and defense customers,” said Teresa Beach-Shelow, the company’s president.

“Our Industrial Engineer Brandon Haight spent one week at Supplier Excellence Alliance headquarters in Irvine, California and will lead our company through this. Ultimately, our customers will benefit, which will be good for us and our community as we create more jobs,” added Beach-Shelow.

Eric Voyles, vice president of national business development for the Rockford Area Economic Development Council, serves on the SEA board of advisors. The RAEDC has targeted the aerospace market for its high potential to retain, expand and attract quality jobs for the area. The region has a strong cluster of aerospace supplier companies and many other advantages to offer employers.

#### About Superior Joining

Superior Joining Technologies, Inc. is a precision-welding laboratory that provides micro-welding, laser welding, tig welding, tool and die repair, and fabrication services to customers in the aerospace and metalworking industries, nationally and globally. Sales in 2009 sales were \$1.5 million. Last year Superior Joining purchased a \$1 million laser/welding machine that is the only six-axis laser-cutting and welding center in the Rockford area. The unit can make faster deliveries on parts that had previously been subcontracted out of the area. The company was founded in 1992 and is located in Machesney Park, Illinois.

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