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### **Douglas C. Greene Appointed As New SEA Supplier Advisory Council Chairman**

Irvine, California –September 2, 2011 - **The Supplier Excellence Alliance's Chairman** announced the appointment of Douglas C. Greene, President of Hixson Metal Finishing as the new Chairman for the Supplier Advisory Council.

The Supplier Advisory Council (SAC) is comprised of CEOs and owners of sub-tier supplier companies within the aerospace and defense supply chain. The purpose of the SAC is to ensure SEA is guided by continuous feedback from suppliers participating in the industry conversion, the SEA Lean Enterprise System (SEA LES). There are three main areas of focus for the SAC: 1) Expand SEA customer Involvement; 2) Advise SEA on strategies to accelerate industry transformation; and 3) Champion SEA Value Streams.

*"We are pleased to announce the following changes to the SEA Supplier Advisory Council. Mr. Douglas Greene will succeed Mr. Marzel Neckien as Chairman. Mr. Neckien has served as SEA Chairman for two years and has helped hundreds of supplier companies to realize increased performance and visibility through his leadership of SEA. SEA is very grateful for Mr. Neckien's outstanding leadership. Mr. Greene has served as SEA Vice Chairman. Mr. Greene is the President [of Hixson Metal Finishing](#), a highly successful gold-level benchmark aerospace and defense supplier based in California. Mr. Neckien is the President [of W Machine Works](#), a highly successful machining supplier in the aerospace and defense industry based in California. Mr. Neckien will serve as Vice Chairman until such time as Mr. Greene appoints his new Vice Chairman and at that time Mr. Neckien will serve as Past Chairman of the SEA Supplier Advisory Council." – said Michael G. Beason, Chairman of SEA.*

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 sponsors include Glovia, Ellison Technologies, DMG/Mori Seiki and The Rule Group. 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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