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### **Semi-Finalists announced for aerospace & defense industry's Annual Supply Chain Awards**

Irvine, California –October 7, 2008 – **The Supplier Excellence Alliance (SEA)** has announced semi-finalists for the prestigious 2008 **Aerospace & Defense Industry Supply Chain Awards**. Winners will be announced at the Awards Gala on November 12, 2008 at the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, Villas & Spa in Indian Wells, California.

SEA is the non-profit alliance of aerospace and defense prime and tier-one contractors and leading sub-tier suppliers organized to transform the global supply chain. Prime-empowered and supplier-led, SEA seeks to accelerate the performance of small and mid-sized production suppliers.

The black tie-optional 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 300 Nominations, the Panel of Judges forwarded 118 Applications to the semi-finalist stage. The Judges are retired aerospace and defense industry executives representing the S.C.O.R.E. organization that is co-sponsored by the Small Business Administration.

**A Golf Tournament, Supplier Reception and Supplier CEO Conference** will precede the Awards Gala at the Hyatt Grand Champions Villas & Spa in Indian Wells, California. Related links and contact information include: <http://www.seaonline.org/Awards/> - for a complete description of the awards and the judging process and <http://seaonline.org/html-emails/Auto-Email/invite1108.html> - to download a copy of the invitation to the Awards event. Those individuals wishing to attend the events may also register on this page.

SEA member companies represented on its board of directors include The Boeing Company, Lockheed Martin Corporation, Northrop Grumman Corporation, EADS North America, Esterline Corporation, United Technologies, Inc, Parker Aerospace, Rockwell Collins, Cessna Aircraft Company, Honeywell Aerospace, Hitco Carbon Composites, Dresser- Rand, Roberts Tool Company, Cristek Interconnects, Photo Etch Company, and DRS Technologies.

SEA Gold Sponsor is Mori Seiki, USA, Inc., SEA partners and alliances include Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME), National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), International Aerospace Quality Group (IAQG), Society of British Aerospace Companies (SBAC), California Space Authority.

To download the list of Semi-Finalists, go to <http://seaonline.org/images/SEMI-FINILISTS%20LISTING.pdf>