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SEA Supplier Registry Has Been Updated

Irvine, California –August 2, 2011 – **The Supplier Excellence Alliance (SEA)** announced that the SEA Supplier Registry has been updated after review of Q2 report submittals.

The SEA Supplier Registry is the answer to the need for “Supply Chain Transparency”. Performing suppliers working towards SEA Certification participate in the Quarterly Review Process in which Quarter Reports are submitted detailing progress against the supplier’s Annual Improvement Plan.

Quarterly Reports are examined by a SEA project manager who then provides actionable feedback. Accepted reports then establish the supplier status as **Performing** and the supplier is added to the registry with a corresponding **Phase 1-4 notation**. Suppliers achieving a **Phase IV** status are ready for SEA Certification and have consistently demonstrated a high level of process maturity and capability. The Performing Supplier Registry and Certified Supplier Registry can be found on the SEA Website at: <http://seaonline.org/Suppliers/index.htm>

To become certified, a supplier company must satisfactorily meet criteria in four critical areas: Leadership and Culture, Workforce Development, Operational Excellence, and Business Results. *“While the SEA Certification is voluntary, it will distinguish the highest performing supplier companies and provide our customers with a reliable way to identify low-risk, high-performing suppliers,”* said, Michael G. Beason, Founder, Chairman and CEO for SEA.

SEA is an 8-year-old aerospace & defense non-profit alliance founded by prime and tier-one companies and led by a committed 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.

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