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2012 finalists announced for Aerospace & Defense Supply Chain Awards

Irvine, California - October 24, 2012 - **Supplier Excellence Alliance (SEA)**, headquartered in Irvine, California, has announced the finalists for the prestigious **Aerospace & Defense Industry Supply Chain Awards for 2012**. Winners will be announced at the 6th Annual Awards Event during the first quarter of 2013.

2012 Aerospace & Defense Supply Chain Award Finalists

Stephen E. Barton Leadership and Culture

Firetrace Aerospace, LLC
Hixson Metal Finishing
AGM Container Controls, Inc.
California Metal & Supply Inc.
Computer Components Corporation

Operational Excellence

AMZ Manufacturing
MPC Industries
Mini Circuits
TSI Plastics, Inc.
Hercules Heat Treating Corporation

Workforce Development

Hixson Metal Finishing
MPC Industries
TSI Plastics, Inc.
National Technical Systems (NTS)

Most Improved

Hercules Heat Treating Corporation
Pattonair USA, Inc.
Rochester Welding Co., Inc.
Kimberly Machine, Inc.

Richard Hall Leadership Excellence

Mario Robles, CEO, MPC Industries
Patrick J. McCready, President, TSI Plastics, Inc.

Suppliers were nominated in recognition of their performance and investment in continuous improvement. "Supplier's who participate as finalists in this national program not only gain much-deserved recognition for their improvement efforts, but also serve as an inspiration for other aerospace suppliers throughout the year," said Michael G. Beason, SEA Chairman.

Applications were reviewed and scored by an independent panel of judges, then all scores were combined and final selections were made through a consensus meeting. The Judges are retired aerospace and defense industry executives representing the SCORE organization that is co-sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration. SCORE Counselors volunteer their time to help small businesses owners throughout the nation

SEA is an aerospace & defense non-profit alliance founded in 2003 by prime and tier-one companies and led by sub-tier suppliers committed to accelerating supply chain performance. SEA customers benefit from increased 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 strategic alliances include AGIE Charmilles, The Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME), The National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), Vistage International, The International Aerospace Quality Group (IAQG) and A|D|S, the UK's AeroSpace, Defence and Security Trade Organization.

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