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## National Technical Systems has Achieved SEA Stage One Certification at Two Locations

Irvine, California –November 14, 2011 – The Supplier Excellence Alliance (SEA) announced that the Fullerton, CA and Boxborough, MA facilities of Calabasas, CA-based National Technical Systems, Inc., (NTS), have achieved SEA Stage One Certification.

SEA is an 8-year-old aerospace & defense non-profit alliance, and to become SEA certified, a supplier company must satisfactorily meet criteria in four critical areas: Leadership and Culture, Workforce Development, Operational Excellence, and Business Results.

NTS is a diversified engineering services company, providing a wide range of product design consulting services, testing and certifications and supply chain management solutions. NTS clients see NTS as an extension of their own engineering teams, filling in their internal gaps and providing the expertise required to build better, stronger, safer, more reliable products and bring those products to market quickly and efficiently. With the largest network of test laboratories and engineering service centers in North America and 50 years of experience to draw from, NTS provides its customers a one-stop solution for their product design, testing, certification and supply chain management requirements.

"The NTS commitment to becoming SEA certified is a journey that started almost three years ago at NTS and we are very proud of the commitment to this effort by our PIPELine Process Owners and Champions across the country as we worked to improve business and operational processes, all of which were part of the certification of Boxborough and Fullerton." said William C. McGinnis, CEO of NTS.

SEA was founded by prime and tier-one companies and is led by a 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.

Virtually all major prime and tier-one contractors who founded SEA, helped to develop the SEA Certification as the preferred approach to continuous improvement and process management. *"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 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.

To learn more, visit the SEA website at http://www.seaonline.org.

## About National Technical Systems, Inc. (NTS)

National Technical Systems, Inc. is a leading provider of testing and engineering services to the aerospace, defense, telecommunications, automotive, energy and high technology markets. Through a world-wide network of resources, NTS provides full product life-cycle support, offering world class design engineering, compliance, testing, certification,

quality registration and program management. For additional information about NTS, visit its website at www.nts.com or call 800-270-2516.

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