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Over 500 Nominations for the Aerospace & Defense Industry Supply Chain Awards Received to Date!

Irvine, California -May 3, 2011 - **The Supplier Excellence Alliance (SEA)** announced that over 500 nominations for the prestigious **Aerospace & Defense Supply Chain Awards for 2011** have been received so far. Award winners will be announced at the **Awards Gala on November 17**, **2011** at the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort, Villas & Spa in Indian Wells, California.

Nominations are open to all suppliers whether SEA members or not. Companies can self nominate and nominate customers and suppliers. SEA is still accepting nominations, the nominations period will close on **August 12, 2011**. For information, visit SEA's website http://www.seaonline.org/Awards/.

Why Do Companies Participate?

- Nominating suppliers shows good will and helps to improve relationships and build trust
- Nominating customers can open doors and permit dialogue that sometimes isn't easy to generate
- Self nomination helps get national recognition for all the good things accomplished
- Nominating peers demonstrates leadership and opens the door for collaboration

Companies nominated must submit a completed 2-page application by the application deadline. Webcasts will be provided to assist in the completion of award applications. All nominated companies will be notified by the SEA office and will be instructed to download the appropriate award application and submit according to the directions on the application prior to September 2, 2011.

SEA is a 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 enjoy increasing performance, reduced risk, and best value. SEA provides a platform for supplier visibility, performance improvement and collaboration. SEA is non-profit 501c6 funded by supplier memberships and sponsorships.

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