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### **Aerospace and Defense Industry Recognizes Supplier Excellence**

Irvine, California –November 17, 2008 – The Supplier Excellence Alliance (SEA) Aerospace & Defense Industry Supply Chain Awards were announced at an Awards Gala on November 12, 2008 at the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort and Villas 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 second annual Aerospace & Defense Industry Supply Chain Awards recognized the performance and leadership contributions of small- to mid-sized supplier companies. Awards were announced at a black-tie gala attended by award finalists and hundreds of supplier company executives as well as executives from prime and tier-one contractors. It was a glamorous and fun-filled evening. Award presentations followed a reception and gala dinner. Looking very much like an Academy Awards ceremony, with entertainer Jon Petz serving as Master of Ceremonies, executives from both supplier companies and prime and tier-one contractors served as presenters for seven award categories.

Award winners by category are:

In the **Leadership & Culture Award** category, the award went to **Esterline Engineered Materials Group, Kirkhill-TA Co.**, Brea, California

In the **Workforce Development Award** category, awards went to **Acutec Precision Machining, inc.**, Saegertown, PA

In the **Operational Excellence Award** category, awards went to **Photo Etch Company**, Fort Worth, Texas.

In the **Supply Chain Innovation Award** category, the award went to **Roberts Tool Company, Inc.**, Chatsworth, California.

In the **Performance Award: Most Improved Supplier** category, the award went to **Celestica Inc.**, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

In the **Customer of the Year Award** category, the award went to **Honeywell Aerospace**, Tempe, Arizona.

The prestigious **Richard Hall Award for Leadership Excellence** went to **Kenneth Marcia**, Vice President of Supply Management and Process Innovation for Dresser-Rand Group in Olean, New York, and to **Cristi Cristich**, Chief Executive Officer, Cristek Interconnects in Anaheim, California.

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 Group, Roberts Tool Company, Cristek Interconnects, Photo Etch Company, and DRS Technologies.

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