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Orion Industries and Diversified Industrial Services Merger

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Diversified Industrial Services, located in Mukilteo, WA, and Orion Industries, located in Auburn, WA, are pleased to announce the merger of the two companies effective September 1, 2016.

This merger joins two non-profit social enterprises that have proud histories of providing people with barriers to employment with skills development and job opportunities in King County for almost 60 years, and in Snohomish County for 45 years. The combined enterprise will retain the Orion Industries name, and while the Diversified name will disappear, the business will continue to serve the community in Snohomish County, and aerospace customers in Western Washington as it has for decades.

Orion, as a 2011 and 2015 Boeing Supplier of the Year award winner, and a premier supplier to the aerospace industry, will bring its award winning capabilities to Snohomish County and the greater Everett area. This will include bringing additional manufacturing capabilities to Diversified's Mukilteo facility while also providing expanded vocational rehabilitation training and job opportunities for residents of Snohomish County and nearby communities. Orion partners with federal, state, county, and local agencies, providing training opportunities and job placement services to individuals in the community.

The employees and families of both companies are truly excited about this merger. Orion looks forward to becoming part of the Snohomish County community of aerospace suppliers and to serving the residents with a truly unique training and job placement program for people with barriers to employment.

Orion Industries is a social enterprise with a mission of helping those with barriers to employment, such as learning disabilities, low income, and mental health barriers. Orion uses operations in its aerospace manufacturing division and contact center services division as platforms to teach people job skills through a combination of classroom instruction and on-the-job-training, including mentoring and internship programs. Orion offers real world experience and does what many other non-profits can't do; competes head-to-head against for-profit corporations in the competitive world of aerospace parts manufacturing. Orion's aerospace division is a certified AS9100 tier one supplier delivering millions of parts to Top Tier OEMs such as The Boeing Company.

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More about Orion

Founded in 1957 as a vocational program for students with disabilities, Orion Industries is headquartered in Auburn, WA, where its three divisions, aerospace manufacturing, contact center services, and the training and employment division offer job training through mentorship programs.

Orion's training and employment division offers skills training using Orion's aerospace and contact center services divisions as platforms. The Orion training and employment division also offers training in office skills and customer service programs, and supports individuals in achieving their goals through mentorship, job placement and job retention services. Orion's training and employment division provides training programs in its aerospace and contact center services division at its facility in Auburn, and provides training programs using its aerospace operations in Mukilteo.

Orion's aerospace manufacturing enterprise supplies precision machined parts and sub-assemblies to aerospace customers throughout the world. Orion is certified to the international aerospace manufacturing quality standards ISO 9001 and AS 9100, and is the recipient of the Boeing 2011 and 2015 Supplier of the Year award. Orion conducts manufacturing operations at both its Auburn plant and its Mukilteo plant.

Orion's contact center services division features an outsource contact center that prepares program participants for careers in the customer contact industry. Its foundational operations program was developed to create a contact center employing people with disabilities that operate using recognized industry best practices. Orion's contact center services division is based in Orion's Auburn facility.

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