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## Orion Industries receives "Supplier of the Year" from Boeing

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Orion has been recognized as The Boeing Company's Supplier of the Year in the Corporate Citizenship category. This is Orion's second Supplier of the Year selection, having received a 2011 Supplier of the Year designation from Boeing in the Outside Manufacturing category. Orion was one of 12 companies honored at a ceremony on April 13th, 2016, for distinguished performance in working with Boeing.

In January, Orion was also notified that it was one of 548 companies to receive the Boeing Performance Excellence Award which rewards performance excellence. This is the sixth consecutive Boeing Performance Excellence Award that Orion has received. Being selected as a Supplier of the Year, in addition to receiving six consecutive Boeing Performance Excellence Awards, further acknowledges Orion's superior performance, and places Orion in a class of suppliers that is the best of the best.

This year's Supplier of the Year recipients represent an elite group among more than 13,000 Boeing suppliers in 47 countries around the world. This selection was based on stringent performance criteria for quality performance, delivery performance, cost, environmental initiatives, customer service and technical expertise.

John Theisen, Orion President & CEO, said "Orion is proud to be a recipient of our second Boeing Supplier of the Year Award and to be recognized as one of the best aerospace suppliers in the world. We truly appreciate the opportunity to work with Boeing. This important partnership allows us to provide a dynamic training platform to conduct our training and employment services for individuals 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 its aerospace manufacturing activities as a platform 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 over two million parts in 2015 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 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 Supplier of the Year award.

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 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.