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“Creating Advantage Through Performance” lands Orion Industries fourth consecutive Boeing Performance Excellence Award.

Federal Way, WA -- January 27, 2014 -- As a social enterprise, Orion Industries runs an aerospace manufacturing division to meet its mission of helping those with barriers to employment. Orion does what few other non-profits can do, though, and competes head-on against for-profit corporations in the competitive world of aerospace parts manufacturing. Orion delivers to Top Tier OEMs such as The Boeing Company with quality ratings so high they’ve been awarded Boeing’s Performance Excellence Award for the fourth year in a row.

“Orion has a complex business model. We put our mission ahead of anything else since that’s why we do what we do. The performance we strive for in that respect affects all our processes. We are able to produce high-quality structures and components while also providing an environment of excellence for training and mentoring program participants in our manufacturing shop. Our program participants learn hard and soft skills that allow them to become competitively employed in the community, therefore increasing their quality of life,” said Tom Brosius, Orion vice president & general manager.

“This award means a lot to us. It reflects the hard work and dedication of our staff and program participants. The Orion team works to instill a culture of operational excellence as a platform to advance people through our social mission. Our goal is to increase the number of people we serve every year, helping them find community jobs and taking the burden off taxpayers in the process,” said John Theisen, Orion president & CEO.



Boeing issues their BPEA annually to recognize suppliers that have achieved superior performance. Orion maintained at least a Silver composite performance rating for each month of the performance period, from October 1, 2012, to September 30, 2013.

This year, out of Boeing's approximate 17,000 suppliers worldwide, 582 suppliers achieved either a Gold or Silver level BPEA. Orion is one of 458 suppliers to be awarded the Silver level of recognition. This award means Orion has been in Boeing's top 3.3 percent for four consecutive years.

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More about Orion

Founded in 1957 as a vocational program for students with disabilities, Orion is currently headquartered in Federal Way, WA, where they run two businesses--Aerospace manufacturing and Contact Center Services--and a Training & Employment division.

Orion's state-of-the-art 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 operates using recognized industry best practices.

Orion's Training & Employment division offers skills training and assessment in our aerospace and contact center businesses, as well as in our office skills and customer service programs. Orion's office-based training programs utilize self-directed and group instruction to teach Microsoft Windows and Microsoft Office, keyboarding, customer service, filing, office machines and office etiquette, preparing participants for a variety of positions that require clerical and customer service skills. Orion supports individuals in achieving their goals through job placement and job retention services.