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Northrop Grumman Recognizes 24 Suppliers for Continued Commitment to its Global Supplier Diversity Programs

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FALLS CHURCH, Va., Dec. 4, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) has honored 24 suppliers for their outstanding performance in support of its Global Supplier Diversity Programs (GSDP).



This is the 24th year that Northrop Grumman has recognized its suppliers with World Class Team awards for supporting the GSDP (formerly known as Socio-Economic Business Programs), which strives to ensure that capable small businesses, including small disadvantaged, women-owned, veteran-owned and service-disabled veteran-owned, companies located in historically underutilized business zones, AbilityOne organizations, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender owned concerns and Historically Black Colleges/Universities and Minority Institutions, receive the maximum practicable subcontracting opportunities on all major programs.

The extensive review of suppliers began last summer with awards given to companies demonstrating exceptional support and commitment to the GSDP goals and objectives using criteria such as product, service, quality and record. Other considerations included demonstrated delivery performance, outstanding program support, superior technical achievement and reported cost performance/competitiveness and/or continuous process improvement.

The following suppliers received awards:

Accurate Machine & Tool Corporation, Madison, Ala. Aero Bending Company, Palmdale, Calif. Aero Chip Inc., Gardena, Calif. American City Pest & Termite Inc., Gardena, Calif. Applied Technology Associates, Albuquerque, N.M. AREA51 - ESG, Inc., Irvine, Calif. Century Precision Engineering, Inc., Gardena, Calif. Chemical Strategies, Inc., Anthem, Ariz. CHK Industries Inc., Bohemia, N.Y. Control Cable Inc., Windsor Mill, Md. Cornet Technology, Inc., Springfield, Va. Epoch Concepts LLC, Highlands Ranch, Colo. ETA Global, Inc., Palestine, Texas Forensic Analytical Consulting Services, Hayward, Calif. Globe Engineering Co., Inc., Wichita, Kan. Precision Machine & Manufacturing Company LLC, Grove, Okla. Signal Systems Corporation, Millersville, Md. Southern Comfort Mowing, Inc., St. Augustine, Fla. Symbolic Displays, Inc., Santa Ana, Calif. Techsburg, Inc., Christiansburg, Va. TrustedQA, Inc., Reston, Va. Virginia Systems and Technology Inc., Warrenton, Va. Visioneering Inc., Fraser, Mich. XaBit Technologies Inc., Columbia, Md.

"The awardees demonstrated superior business support and made outstanding contributions to Northrop Grumman's products and services," said Mark Caylor, corporate vice president and president, Enterprise Shared Services, Northrop Grumman. "The diversity of our small business suppliers enhances the innovation, affordability and top performance that we require to meet the increasingly challenging global security needs of our customers."

In government fiscal year 2014, Northrop Grumman contracted \$2.46 billion to a broad base of approximately 9,500 suppliers. More than 32 percent of Northrop Grumman procurement spending goes to small businesses and women or minority-owned firms. The company has met and exceeded the 23 percent small business statutory goals for more than 10 consecutive years and has received numerous awards and recognition for its global supplier diversity programs.

Earlier this year, Northrop Grumman was rated the third best company in the nation for providing business opportunities to diverse business owners by *DiversityBusiness.com*. More than 1.3 million diversity business owners participated in an online election to determine the top 50 organizations. The recognition is based on factors such as volume, consistency and quality of business initiatives a company grants to multicultural suppliers.

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