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Northrop Grumman Corporation Electronic Systems recognized Century Fasteners Corporation for “Raising the Bar in Performance”

The theme of the Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems’ 2008 supplier conference was “Raising the Bar in Performance.” This full day event included presentations by key sector leadership responsible for supplier management, supplier awards and a reception for the award recipients. The NGC Electronic Systems Supply Chain Management (SCM) and Mission Assurance (MA) organizations co-hosted the 2008 Supplier Conference and Awards event at the Historical Electronics Museum in Linthicum, MD on Wednesday, July 23rd, 2008.

The leadership message was clear, the NGES supply base is an essential component of the success of programs, and Northrop Grumman must have a supply base they can depend on for consistent high quality, on-time delivery, cost competitiveness, innovation, and continuous improvement of processes and product.

In addition to the key sector leadership Ed Asher, Mission Systems Sector, Director of Workforce Relations presented on Operation IMPACT (Injured Military Pursuing Assisted Career Transition) and Lieutenant Colonel Wendell Bugg, Integrated Systems Sector Director, Sector Communications, provided a “Voice of the Customer” perspective.

The supplier awards echoed the conference theme and presenters’ messages. The award categories represented the supplier behaviors, attributes or outcomes that Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems values: Customer Service, Strategic Contributions, Continuous Improvement, Innovation, Extraordinary Effort, Life Cycle Cost and overall highest contributor, Supplier-of-the-Year. The Supplier Awards Program construct from nomination to final vetting reinforced a voice of the customer theme and underscored the principle of one Northrop Grumman.

Among the honored suppliers was Century Fasteners Corporation selected for Extraordinary Effort. Century Fasteners, located in Elmhurst, New York, is a provider of production hardware. Century Fasteners distinguished themselves by providing Sperry Marine, a NGES business unit in Charlottesville, North Carolina, critical assistance necessary to ensure only Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement compliant specialty metal hardware fasteners were used with defense programs and to ensure that production schedules were met without interruption.