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Orion Industries receives sixth consecutive Boeing Performance Excellence Award by making “Bright Futures.”

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Orion Industries is an award winning 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. Orion has been awarded Boeing's Performance Excellence Award for the sixth year in a row.

This award is special for Orion because not only is it the sixth consecutive award, but also because Orion's high level of performance was maintained through the construction of a new finishing line in their Auburn facility. The finishing line will allow Orion to increase efficiencies and will also allow for future growth. The new finishing cell will allow Orion to provide chemical processing, anodizing and painting of aluminum parts. Tom Brosius, Orion Vice President & General Manager said, “This gives us a capability to reduce our flow time and control our costs. It also gives us a great new training platform to serve our vocational program, providing new career options in the local aerospace finish industry.”

John Theisen, Orion President & CEO, said “We're extremely proud to be a top tier supplier of Boeing's suppliers worldwide for the sixth consecutive year. Boeing's standards for quality, delivery and customer service are some of the most rigorous in the world and Orion staff work very hard to meet these standards. It is particularly gratifying to know that we accomplish this while providing our community with critical human services.”

Boeing issues their BPEA annually to recognize suppliers that have achieved superior performance. This year Orion is one of only 530 suppliers to achieve this award. Orion was also the recipient of the 2011 Boeing Supplier of the Year award.

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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 their office skills and customer service programs, and supports individuals in achieving their goals through mentorship, job placement and job retention services.