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Pacific Northwest Aerospace Alliance Names John Theisen, Orion President & CEO, Executive of the Year.

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The Pacific Northwest Aerospace Alliance (PNAA) has selected John Theisen, Orion President & CEO, as the Aerospace Executive of the Year, in recognition of his leadership over the past 16 years in growing Orion Industries into the successful organization it is today, and for his leadership in the aerospace community.

Over the past 16 years Orion has advanced from a small sheet metal fabricator into a world class organization with operations in the aerospace and tele-services industries. Orion has achieved 20% annual average sales increases for the past 13 years, growing to become the 10th largest aerospace employer in the State of Washington, with over 400 employees. Orion has locations in Auburn, WA, Mukilteo, WA, and Fort Eustis, VA.

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 operations in its aerospace manufacturing division, a certified AS9100 tier one supplier delivering millions of parts to Top Tier OEMs, and in its award winning contact center services division, as platforms to teach people job skills through a combination of classroom instruction and on-the-job-training, including mentoring and internship programs.

Orion's manufacturing capabilities have grown to include sheet metal fabrication, complex machined parts, hydraulic assembly, metal finishing and a wire shop, serving a broad customer base in commercial aerospace, general aviation and defense. Orion's Contact Center is certified HIPAA, PCI, and ISO 27001 compliant, and provides support for companies including Multicare, Microsoft, the U.S. Army, and the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife.

In addition to the PNAA award, Orion has been recognized as a Boeing Global Supplier of the Year twice, as the Governor's Aerospace Company of the Year, and as a Seattle Business Magazine Manufacturer of the Year. Orion has also recently received the Globe award from the World Trade Center Tacoma, and an Innovation award from the Puget Sound Business Journal.

In his time with Orion John has worked with government, education, and industry to create a stronger aerospace sector, a more competitive business environment, and in particular to promote workforce development solutions. He has served as a board member for the Aerospace Futures Alliance, the Washington Aerospace Training and Research Center, the Governor's Aerospace Pipeline Advisory Committee and Washington Employers Association.

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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 operates a second location in Mukilteo, WA.

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. Orion's training and employment division provides training programs in its aerospace and contact center services division at its facility in Auburn, and provides training programs using its aerospace operations in Mukilteo.

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 and 2015 Global Supplier of the Year award. Orion conducts manufacturing operations at both its Auburn plant and its Mukilteo plant.

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 contact center services division is based in Orion's Auburn facility.

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