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## Orion Industries receives third "Supplier of the Year" from Boeing

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Orion has been recognized as The Boeing Company's Global Supplier of the Year in the Community Engagement category. This is Orion's third Supplier of the Year selection, having received Supplier of the Year designations from Boeing in 2011 in the Outside Manufacturing category, and in 2015 in the Corporate Citizenship category. Orion was one of 13 companies honored at a ceremony on April 12th, 2017, for distinguished performance in working with Boeing.

In January, Orion was also notified that it was one of 480 companies to receive the Boeing Performance Excellence Award which rewards performance excellence. This is the seventh consecutive Boeing Performance Excellence Award that Orion has received. Being selected as a Supplier of the Year, in addition to receiving seven consecutive Boeing Performance Excellence Awards, further acknowledges Orion's superior performance, placing Orion in a class of suppliers that is the best of the best.

"Boeing's success is a testament to the partnerships we hold with the finest aerospace suppliers in the world such as Orion Industries," said Kent Fisher, Boeing's leader for enterprise Supplier Management. "Together we will continue to deliver affordable, technologically advanced products and services that give our customers a competitive edge."

This year's Supplier of the Year recipients represent an elite group among more than 13,000 active Boeing suppliers in 48 countries around the world. This selection was based on stringent performance criteria for quality performance, delivery performance, cost, environmental initiatives, customer service and technical expertise.

John Theisen, Orion President & CEO, said "Orion is honored to be a recipient of our third Boeing Supplier of the Year Award, and to be recognized as one of the top aerospace suppliers in the world. Orion has a long history of being a supplier to Boeing. This important partnership allows Orion to engage the community by providing a dynamic training platform for our training and employment services, which helps individuals with barriers to employment."

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 operations in its aerospace manufacturing division, a certified AS9100 tier one supplier delivering millions of parts in 2016 to Top Tier OEMs, as a platform to teach people job skills through a combination of classroom instruction and on-the-job-training, including mentoring and internship programs.

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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, 2015, and 2016 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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