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## **Orion Industries receives 2011 Boeing Supplier of the Year Award and Seattle Business Magazine's 2012 Washington Non-Profit Manufacturer of the Year Award**

*Orion provides employment services to individuals with disabilities while delivering high quality products and services through a commitment to strict processes and quality standards.*

**Federal Way, WA-April 19, 2012** -- Orion Industries has been selected as the recipient of the prestigious 2011 Boeing Supplier of the Year for Outside Manufacturing Award from among more than 17,000 companies. The awards ceremony was held in Chicago, IL, April 18, 2012. Orion has also received recognition from Seattle Business Magazine as the recipient of their 2012 Washington Non-Profit Manufacturer of the Year Award, which will be awarded April 26. Attorney General Rob McKenna will be the keynote speaker at the awards banquet, to be held in Seattle.

Annually, Boeing assesses its suppliers in the categories of Structures, Diversity, Interiors, and Outside Manufacturing; awarding the suppliers that meet their highest standards in quality, precision and on-time capabilities. Outside Manufacturing is the most competitive of the four award categories.

Orion was nominated for the award by both Boeing Commercial Aircraft and Boeing Defense and Space. "We are thrilled Orion is being recognized by Boeing as a world class supplier. This reflects our dedication to being a leader in quality and delivery performance to Tier 1, Prime OEM and manufacturing organizations," said Tom Brosius, Orion general manager.

"One element that makes this award even more rewarding is Orion's workforce is made up of highly skilled and professional permanent staff who provide real-world training to a diverse population of challenged adults. We are proud that we are able to provide exceptional products and service to our customers while also serving this community," said John Theisen, Orion CEO.

Orion is a non-profit organization founded in 1957 with a mission of providing employment services to people with disabilities. Orion has three operating divisions. Orion's Manufacturing Division, Orion Aerospace, is a precision manufacturer and supplier to the aerospace and defense industries. They are one of the top 20 aerospace employers in Washington State and have been recipients of numerous prestigious awards.

The Training and Employment Services Division provides training and job placement services to more than 300 individuals with disabilities each year. Orion partners with a variety of organizations in this effort including school districts, Washington State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, Labor & Industries and the Veterans Administration.

The Orion Contact Center Services Division operates a 50-seat state-of-the-art call center, where they provide customized customer care services for a variety of companies including Door To Door Storage, See's Candies and TSA.

Orion's unique business model utilizes its aerospace and contact center businesses as platforms to stage the delivery of training and employment services for our clients with disabilities. These businesses are operated as successful commercial businesses and their profits are used to fund the human services Orion provides the community. This funding model ensures that Orion can deliver a consistent level of services from year to year.

"Orion successfully funds its own mission through our business enterprises and does so with an unshakeable commitment to process and quality, making it a unique social enterprise among its peers and when set against the stage of competitive commercial businesses," said Theisen.

Orion has also been awarded the coveted Boeing Performance Excellence Award for 2011; and was a Boeing Performance Excellence Award winner in 2010. Approximately five percent of Boeing's suppliers receive this honor.

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### **More about Orion**

Orion is a premier supplier of precision metal products and assembly services to the aerospace, defense, medical and marine industries. Originally founded in 1957 as a training center for sheet metal workers, Orion has evolved into one of the Northwest's leading aerospace manufacturers offering a full range of machining, precision metal fabrication, mechanical assembly and hydraulic component assembly. As an ITAR Registered, ISO 9001 and AS91000 certified company, Orion's customers rely upon them for exceptional quality and on-time delivery at the best possible pricing.