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**SPARTAN LIGHT METAL PRODUCTS
RECEIVES SUPPLIER AWARD FROM TOYOTA**

Recognized for Quality

St. Louis, Missouri (March 19, 2013) – Spartan Light Metal Products, a supplier of aluminum and magnesium custom die castings was recognized as an Excellent Quality Performance Award winner at Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America, Inc.'s (TEMA) Annual Supplier Business Meeting (ABM) on March 19. Held at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, ABM brings together approximately 900 attendees from across North America.

Of Toyota's 388 suppliers there were only 9 suppliers to receive a Quality Performance Award. In addition, Spartan Light Metal Products was the only US based supplier to receive the award. Spartan's Hannibal, Missouri plant has also distinguished themselves by their excellent safety record by having over five years without a lost time accident.

Currently celebrating 17 years, ABM allows TEMA to discuss business objectives with direct and indirect suppliers in preparation for its upcoming fiscal year. Every year, TEMA recognizes suppliers who exceeded the company's expectations in several categories.

"Toyota works closely with each supplier partner in order to build our top quality vehicles," stated Robert Young, TEMA's purchasing vice president. "This event emphasizes our suppliers' mutual commitment to partnership and continuous improvement, and allows Toyota to focus on building safe and reliable products."

In the U.S. alone, there are about 50,000 supplier jobs dedicated to Toyota across more than 30 states. In addition, Toyota collectively spent approximately \$26 billion on parts, goods and services last year in North America.

For over 50 Years Spartan, a family-owned business, has been an industry leader specializing in designing, developing, validating and producing die castings as well as machining and component assemblies. Spartan has three manufacturing facilities and offices in St. Louis, Missouri, Detroit, Michigan, Tokyo, Japan and Landstuhl, Germany.

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