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## **Honda Recognizes Top North American Parts Suppliers**

### ***Spartan Light Metal Products Recognized with Three Awards***

St. Louis, Missouri (April 11, 2013) – Spartan Light Metal Products, a supplier of aluminum and magnesium custom die castings and assemblies was recognized by Honda today with three awards at their annual supplier conference held in Indianapolis.

Honda honored 53 suppliers in North America for excellence in key performance categories including quality, value and on-time delivery for their efforts during the company's record production year in 2012. The annual conference includes a network of 632 Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) suppliers.

Honda's Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) suppliers provide parts to 14 Honda manufacturing plants in North America for the production of Honda and Acura automobiles, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and other utility products. During the conference, the company honored 45 OEM suppliers for their excellence in one or more of three categories: Quality, Delivery and Value. Honda also recognized eight OEM parts suppliers for Challenging Spirit, based on their initiatives to overcome extraordinary operational challenges.

Spartan Light Metal Products, a supplier of aluminum and magnesium custom die castings and assemblies was recognized with three prestigious awards from Honda. Spartan received the Excellence in Delivery Performance Award for the entire company and the Challenging Spirit Award for both the Sparta, Illinois Plant and Mexico, Missouri plant. 2012 proved to be a difficult year to meet delivery requirements as Honda's North American operations manufactured a record 1.7 million automobiles last year. Spartan partnered with Honda and even their direct competitors to ensure that Honda's delivery requirements were met. "When any of our customers ask for our help, we try our best to help them as much as we can. Honda asked us for some help, and we were pleased to be able to assist them even if it meant some hardship to us", said Spartan CEO Donald Jubel citing some of Spartan's core values.

#### *About Spartan Light Metal Products:*

*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.*