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SPARTAN LIGHT METAL PRODUCTS RECEIVES SUPPLIER AWARD FROM TOYOTA

Recognized for Excellent Quality

St. Louis, Missouri (March 28, 2014) – Spartan Light Metal Products, a supplier of aluminum and magnesium custom die castings was recognized as an <u>Excellent Quality Performance Award</u> winner at Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America, Inc.'s (TEMA) Annual Supplier Business Meeting (ABM) on March 11, 2014. Held at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, KY, ABM brings together approximately 1,000 attendees from across North America.

Spartan Light Metal Products is pleased to be recognized with the Excellent Quality Award from Toyota. There were only 17 Toyota suppliers to receive this prestigious Quality Performance Award. Spartan was one of only three wholly US-based companies to receive this quality award. Spartan's Hannibal, Missouri plant has also distinguished themselves by their excellent safety record by recently celebrating having over six years without a lost time accident.

Currently celebrating 18 years, ABM allows TEMA to discuss business objectives with direct and indirect suppliers in preparation for its upcoming fiscal year. Each year, TEMA recognizes suppliers who exceeded the company's expectations in several categories.

"Toyota works closely with each supplier partner to build our vehicles to the high-quality, safety and reliability standards our customers expect," said Robert Young, TEMA's purchasing vice president. "We are pleased to award those in our supply base who go above-and-beyond. This event emphasizes our mutual commitment with supplier partners to continuously improve to build "always better cars" in North America."

In the U.S. alone, there are about 60,000 supplier jobs dedicated to Toyota across more than 30 states. In addition, Toyota collectively spent over \$32 billion on parts, goods and services last year in North America.

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. http://www.spartanlmp.com