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

*Recognized for Excellent Quality*

**St. Louis, Missouri (March 15, 2016)** – Spartan Light Metal Products, a supplier of aluminum and magnesium custom die castings was recognized with an Excellent Quality Performance Award from Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America, Inc. (TEMA) at its Annual Supplier Business Meeting (ABM) on March 15. Held at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, ABM brings together approximately 850 supplier representatives from across North America.

Spartan Light Metal's Hannibal, Missouri plant has been recognized for quality and delivery by Toyota for six consecutive years. This year less than 5% of the supplier locations qualified for this award and only a small handful of suppliers have consecutive years' recognition. Spartan is very pleased to be recognized with the Excellent Quality Performance Award from Toyota.

Currently celebrating 20 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 collaborates with each of our supplier partners in order to build vehicles with the high quality, safety, and reliability standards that our customers expect," said Robert Young, Group Vice President, TEMA Purchasing, Supplier Engineering Development, and Cost Planning. "This event highlights our supplier partners' commitment to continuous improvement and collaboration to build 'ever better cars' in North America. We are pleased to recognize those in our supply base who exceed our high performance targets and thank them and their team members for their tremendous support and partnership."

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 55 Years Spartan, a family-owned business, has been an industry leader specializing in designing, developing, validating and producing aluminum and magnesium 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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