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**CME JOINS THE SUPPLIER EXCELLENCE ALLIANCE (SEA)**  
*Florida Small Business Supplier Commits to SEA Lean Enterprise Engagement*

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida — February 6, 2007 – Custom Manufacturing & Engineering, Inc., (CME) an innovative company providing defense and electronics manufacturing and engineering development, has joined the Supplier Excellence Alliance (SEA). CME produces rugged sensor networks and electrical power equipment for military and industrial applications. SEA is a nonprofit alliance formed by aerospace, defense, and space companies with a goal to implement a single lean enterprise system throughout the U.S. supply chain to make it globally competitive.

CME is one of the first suppliers in Florida to join the initiative and engage in SEA's lean enterprise conversion process. SEA's lean enterprise focuses on leadership and culture, workforce development and operational excellence. CME joins prime member companies like The Boeing Company, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman Company, Rockwell Collins and Bombardier – just to name a few.

According to Dr. Nancy Crews, president and founder of CME, “We are committed to applying SEA's integrated approach deploying lean principles throughout our progressive enterprise. CME's goal is to become a high-value supply chain member in support of our growth as a business to business supplier.” As part of CME's membership, SEA will facilitate lean process development and kaizens, guide improved strategic planning, employee development, and evaluate CME's current lean initiatives making recommendations for improvements, if necessary.

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*CME was started in 1997 as an independent spinout of a large defense prime contractor; located in St. Petersburg, Florida. CME now employs about 120 people and is principally engaged in the design, development, and manufacture of advanced technology products for Electrical Power applications and Remote Sensors. The first government contract was awarded to CME in 1998 under a Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) project to develop an Intelligent Power Management and Distribution System for vehicles and shelter. Since then, CME has gone on to win local and national technology awards and is considered a leading developer of innovative Power and Sensors hardware and software products for government and industrial applications. CME specializes in intelligent or improved military electrical power on manned and unmanned platforms, and portable/temporary power distribution networks; unattended or remote sensors/imager; low-power wireless data networking and control; as well as the supporting hardware, software, algorithm development, and supporting testing. CME is ISO9001:2000 certified and is CMMI Level 2 Compliant.*