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Glastonbury Company becomes 11th in Nation to Receive Space Flight Awareness Award from NASA's Biggest Partner in Human Space Operations
United Space Alliance Honors HABCO for Exceptional Work on New Control System to Test Flight Hardware for Space Shuttle

Glastonbury, Conn., October 16, 2007 --- HABCO, Inc. of Glastonbury has become the 11th company out of 2,000 active suppliers nationwide, and the first in Connecticut, to receive the Space Flight Awareness Award from United Space Alliance, NASA's primary industry partner in human space operations. HABCO earned the award for exceptional work they did to build and integrate a new control system to test flight hardware for the Space Shuttle.

Three-time NASA Astronaut Loren Shriver flew to Connecticut to present the award to HABCO on October 16, 2007. Reading from the award nomination letter, Shriver explained that "HABCO performed exceptionally in designing, building and integrating a state-of-the-art control system" to replace an older test system so outdated that availability of replacement electronics had dwindled to a point where future supportability was a concern.

HABCO worked an aggressive design schedule, which, if not successfully met could have affected Shuttle launch dates. But, Shriver read, "HABCO repeatedly demonstrated their dedication and commitment to successfully completing the project on time...United Space Alliance performed an Operational Readiness Inspection in January 2007, and the system has performed flawlessly since then."

Kristin Muschett, owner and CEO of HABCO, accepted the award on behalf of the company and explained that, "the fully upgraded test system should support the testing of the space shuttle's thrust vector control components through the remainder of the Shuttle program and beyond." She publicly commended HABCO's systems engineers who spent weeks at Kennedy Space Center working through hardware and software issues. Rob Simmons, business advocate for the State, officially welcomed United Space Alliance to Connecticut and heralded the award as a prime example of the manufacturing capabilities of Connecticut business.

Background on United Space Alliance Space Flight Awareness Award

The USA Space Flight Awareness Supplier Award is bestowed upon United Space Alliance suppliers that performed extraordinary work that added to safety, mission success, schedule compliance, and/or enhanced flight capability. The award is presented quarterly. HABCO, Inc. is the 11th company out of 2,000 active suppliers and the first in Connecticut, to be honored with the award. The company received the award for its exceptional design, build and integration of a state-of-the-art replacement control system to test flight hardware for the Space Shuttle.

Background on Loren J. Shriver, NASA

Loren J. Shriver (Colonel, USAF, retired) became the Deputy Director of NASA's Kennedy Space Center for Launch and Payload Processing in 1997. He has flown in 30 different types of single and multiengine civilian and military fixed-wing and helicopter aircraft, has logged over 6,200 hours in jet aircraft and holds commercial pilot and private glider ratings. Shriver was selected as an astronaut by NASA in January 1978. He is a veteran of three space flights and has logged over 386 hours in space.

List of Space Flight Awareness Supplier Award Winners

<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date of Presentation</u>
Carleton Technologies, Inc.	Orchard Park, New York	October 21, 2004
LaBarge, Inc.	Joplin, Missouri	March 29 2005
NitroCision LLC	Idaho Falls, Idaho	August 23, 2005
TAW Jacksonville Service Center	Jacksonville, Florida	October 20, 2005
Evans Consoles, Inc.	Calgary, Alberta	May 3, 2006
Corning, Inc.	Canton, New York	June 30, 2006
Albany International Techniweave	Rochester, New Hampshire	October 25, 2006
3M Corporation	St. Paul, Minnesota	November 29, 2006
Fort Walton Machining	Fort Walton Beach, Florida	July 18, 2007
Ball Aerospace	Boulder, Colorado	August 22, 2007
Habco, Inc.	Glastonbury, Connecticut	October 16, 2007

HABCO, Inc., founded in 1970, provides testing and ground support equipment to military and commercial aerospace, power generation, fuel cell, industrial, automotive and medical industries. The company is headquartered in Glastonbury, Connecticut and has a worldwide reputation for delivering innovative solutions with a continuous commitment to customer satisfaction. Many of HABCO's Peculiar Ground Support Equipment (PGSE) and Commercial Off the Shelf (COTS) products are approved for servicing both rotary and fixed wing aircraft. HABCO also produces customized prototypes and products to meet unique customer needs. HABCO is certified to ISO 9001:2000 and AS9100 standards. For more information, visit www.habco.biz.

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