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Spartan Chassis Honored by U.S. Defense Logistics Agency

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Michigan manufacturer earns award for quality & on-time delivery of military parts shipmentsCHARLOTTE, Mich., Aug. 26 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc., a subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR), today announced it was honored as one of the government's best suppliers, receiving recognition for the quality and on-time delivery of its military parts shipments during the Defense Logistics Agency's 2009 Land and Maritime Supply Chains Business Conference and Exhibition held in Columbus, Ohio in August.

The Defense Supply Center Columbus (DSCC) teams with more than 6,000 suppliers of land and maritime weapon systems parts and manages 1.7 million different items used by the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, foreign military, and various civil agencies. Using the Automated Best Value System, a computerized system, the DSCC compiles past performance data including variables such as quality of shipments and on-time delivery, and then translates that information into a numeric score, ranging from zero to 100. Spartan Chassis was one of only 83 companies to be honored, earning a Silver Medal Award which recognizes suppliers who earn a score of 99 to 99.99.

"Reliability--making sure our products and services are of the highest quality and inspire customer confidence--is one of the cornerstones of our company brand," said John Szykiel, president and CEO of Spartan Motors. "As evidenced by this award, the Spartan Parts Team has earned the confidence of their customer by providing high quality parts in a timely and efficient manner. Our efforts contribute to making sure defense equipment remains in theater protecting our military men and women."

The Land and Maritime Supply Chains Business Conference and Exhibition brings together military suppliers to learn up-to-date policies and procedures on government contracts.

About Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc.:

Spartan Motors Chassis, Inc., a subsidiary of Spartan Motors, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPAR), is a leading developer and manufacturer of custom chassis for recreational vehicles, fire trucks, defense and specialty vehicles. Spartan Motors (theshyftgroup.com) which also manufactures emergency rescue vehicles under the brand names of Crimson Fire, Crimson Fire Aerials and Road Rescue, reported sales of \$844.4 million in 2008 and is focused on becoming the premier manufacturer of specialty vehicles and chassis in North America.

About Defense Supply Center Columbus:

DSCC, located in Columbus, Ohio is known to more than 25,000 military and civilian customers. DSCC teams with more than 6,000 suppliers of Land and Maritime weapon system parts. A field activity of DLA, which has its headquarters in Fort Belvoir, Va., DSCC processes more than 7 million orders annually and accounts for more than \$3.5 billion in sales.

This release contains forward-looking statements, including, without limitation, statements concerning our business, future plans and objectives and the performance of our products. These forward-looking statements involve certain risks and uncertainties that ultimately may not prove to be accurate. Actual results and future events could differ materially from those anticipated in such statements. Technical complications may arise that could prevent the prompt implementation of the plans outlined above. The company cautions that these forward-looking statements are further qualified by other factors including, but not limited to, those set forth in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filing and other filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (available at <http://www.sec.gov>). Government contracts and subcontracts typically involve long payment and purchase cycles, competitive bidding, qualification requirements, delays or changes in funding, extensive specification development and changes, price

negotiations and milestone requirements. An announced award of a governmental contract is not equivalent to a finalized executed contract and does not assure that orders will be issued and filled. Government agencies also often retain some portion of fees payable upon completion of a project and collection of contract fees may be delayed for long periods, which can negatively impact both prime contractors and subcontractors. The company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any statements in this release, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

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