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## **Spartan Motors Highlights Supplier Excellence During Annual Conference**

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**CHARLOTTE, Mich., March 13, 2018** – [Spartan Motors, Inc.](http://SpartanMotors.com) (NASDAQ:SPAR) ("Spartan" or the "Company"), a global leader in specialty chassis and vehicle design, manufacturing and assembly, recently hosted dozens of key supply chain partners at its 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Supplier Conference, which took place near the Company's headquarters in Charlotte, Michigan. Spartan's Corporate Director, Procurement and Supply Chain Management, Luis Silva, recognized companies that helped Spartan progress its continuous improvement initiatives and increase supplier quality in 2017.

"At Spartan, engineering and manufacturing superior products and services for our customers is our priority. To meet those standards, we work with the best and brightest suppliers to exceed expectations and reach the highest levels of operational excellence and cost competitiveness," said Silva. "We sincerely value our supplier network and the efforts they exert to support our commitment to continuous improvement."

Each supplier honored consistently maintains a staunch commitment to quality, on-time delivery, total cost control and excellent customer support, as identified by the Spartan team and its ongoing audit procedures.

The companies exemplifying those attributes, then going above and beyond, were presented the Spartan "President's Award" during the 2018 Supplier Conference. The winners included:

- Cummins Inc.
- PPG
- Reflex

Recipients of the Spartan "Diamond Award" during the 2018 Supplier Conference, were as follows:

- Allison Transmission
- Dana Inc.
- Jorgensen Steel
- Meritor Inc.
- Modine Manufacturing
- Professional Metal Works
- RealWheels
- Romeo Rim Inc.
- St. Clair Technologies
- Triton Metal Products
- Whelen Engineering
- WURTH Service Supply

Spartan evaluates its suppliers to ensure adherence to the Company's ever-increasing quality requirements and their ability to achieve and uphold operational excellence. Suppliers that consistently exceed the performance criteria have the opportunity to increase their business levels with Spartan.

### **About Spartan Motors**

Spartan Motors, Inc. is a leading designer, engineer, manufacturer and marketer of a broad range of specialty vehicles, specialty chassis, vehicle bodies and parts for the fleet and delivery, recreational vehicle (RV), emergency response,

defense forces and contract assembly (light/medium duty truck) markets. The Company's brand names — Spartan Motors, Spartan Specialty Vehicles, Spartan Emergency Response, Spartan Parts and Accessories, Smeal and its family of brands, including Ladder Tower™ and UST®; and Utilimaster®, a Spartan Motors Company — are known for quality, durability, performance, customer service and first-to-market innovation. The Company employs approximately 2,300 associates, and operates facilities in Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Wisconsin, Nebraska, South Dakota; Saltillo, Mexico; and Lima, Peru. Spartan reported sales of \$707 million in 2017. Visit Spartan Motors at [theshyftgroup.com](http://theshyftgroup.com) .

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