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## **Spartan Motors Plays Host To 125 Manufacturing Companies For Its Annual Supplier Conference**

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### **Summit Brings Together Top Manufacturers from Diverse Markets to Celebrate Manufacturing Excellence, Stimulate Collaboration**

CHARLOTTE, Mich., March 24, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- [Spartan Motors, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: SPAR) ("Spartan" or the "Company"), a global leader in specialty chassis and vehicle design, manufacturing and assembly, has named St. Paul, Minn.-based [Waterous](#) as its Supplier of the Year. Additionally, Spartan recognized 12 suppliers with Spartan Diamond awards, and nine others earned Honorable Mention recognitions as part of Spartan's Annual Supplier Conference, held March 9, at the Charlotte Performing Arts Center, in Charlotte, Mich. A full list of award recipients follows below.



Spartan's Annual Supplier Conference brings together more than 125 suppliers supporting its various business markets, including fleet and delivery, recreational vehicle (RV), emergency response, defense forces and contract assembly (light/medium duty truck). The conference, now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, serves as a celebration of manufacturing excellence, as well as a platform for Spartan Motors' evolution, as the company grows through acquisition and internal integration.

"We've put significant energy into building the very best talent across our organization, and we are diligent in recognizing and celebrating success at every level of our company," said Daryl Adams, president and CEO of Spartan Motors. "This annual conference extends that effort to our supplier network. We're proud to honor this hardworking group, as well as take the time to share best practices and promote collaboration among our key partners."

This year's Spartan Supplier of the Year winner, Waterous, serves Spartan's Emergency Response business unit with pumps, power take-offs, and valves for its Spartan and Smeal® branded fire apparatus.

In addition to the Spartan Supplier of the Year distinction, the Company recognized the following at this year's conference:

**Spartan Diamond Award:**

- American Technology Components, Inc.
- Blachford Acoustics Group
- Douglas Autotech Corporation
- F.B. Wright
- Harris Battery Company, Inc.
- IMMI
- TODCO, a Division of Overhead Door Corporation
- Qualtronics, Inc
- Romeo RIM
- Wurth Service Supply
- Allison Transmission, Inc.
- Cummins Sales and Service

**Spartan Honorable Mention:**

- Dana Incorporated
- Meritor, Inc.
- Power Brake & Spring Service Co.
- Robert Bosch Automotive Steering, LLC
- Racor, a Division of the Parker Hannifin Corporation
- RealWheels Corporation
- Sure-Foot Industries Corporation
- West & Barker Inc.

**Material Planning Recognition:**

- Wesgarde Components Group

"We rely on our suppliers to supply us with the very best in quality, safety and innovation," said Luis Silva, Corporate Director of Procurement and Supply Chain Management at Spartan Motors. "We're fortunate to have an incredible group to work with, and we thank them for contributing to our evolution as the leading manufacturer of purpose-built vehicles."

**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 2,200 associates and operates facilities in Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Wisconsin, Nebraska, South Dakota; Saltillo, Mexico; and Lima, Peru. Spartan reported sales of \$591 million in 2016. Visit Spartan Motors at [theshyftgroup.com](http://theshyftgroup.com).

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