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Spartan Motors Recognizes Supplier Excellence; Key Partners in 2014 Growth

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CHARLOTTE, Mich., March 17, 2015 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Spartan Motors, Inc.](#) (Nasdaq:SPAR) ("Spartan" or the "Company") announced its Supplier Performance And Review Committee (SPARC) recently recognized the Company's top-performing suppliers during the 13th Annual Supplier Conference held March 11, 2015, in Charlotte, Michigan. Spartan honored key partners which were instrumental in achieving its growth in 2014. Spartan posted revenue of \$507 million in 2014, an increase of 7.9% from 2013 revenue of \$470 million.

"Spartan prides itself on building category-leading customer satisfaction and the highest levels of customer service," said Jeremy Wilson, Corporate Director of Supply Chain Management for Spartan Motors. "Every supplier has a crucial role in ensuring Spartan's success. Our suppliers consistently deliver and enhance our product portfolio. We are thankful for these opportunities to collaborate and above all, value each member of our supplier network and the work they do each day."

Each supplier honored consistently embodies the values of Spartan and maintains an unwavering commitment to quality, on-time delivery and excellent customer support. The companies which were recognized during the 2015 Supplier Conference exceeded the standards of excellence at Spartan:

- Allison Transmission (Indianapolis, Indiana)
- Brooklyn Products International, Inc. (Brooklyn, Michigan)
- Harris Battery Company, Inc. (Bolivar, Ohio)
- JWB Components (Kentwood, Michigan)
- Kelcom, Inc. (Elkhart, Indiana)
- Molded Plastics Industries, Inc. (Holt, Michigan)
- Qualitronics, Inc. (Richmond, Indiana)
- SGM Company, Inc. (Mentor, Ohio)
- Vicon Fabricating Company (Mentor, Ohio)
- Wurth Service Supply, Inc. (Indianapolis, Indiana)

Additional suppliers were recognized for other contributions to the Company.

Spartan continuously evaluates its 1,000-plus suppliers to ensure adherence to the Company's ever-increasing requirements. Suppliers that consistently exceed the performance criteria have the opportunity to increase their business levels with the Company. The Company's suppliers are instrumental in achieving lean principles and continuous improvement at Spartan Motors.

About Spartan Motors

Spartan Motors, Inc. designs, engineers and manufactures specialty chassis, specialty vehicles, truck bodies and aftermarket parts for the recreational vehicle (RV), emergency response, government services, defense, and delivery and service markets. The Company's brand names – Spartan™, Spartan Chassis™, Spartan ER™, Spartan ERV™ and Utilimaster® - are known for quality, performance, service and first-to-market innovation. The Company employs approximately 1,700 associates at facilities in Michigan, Pennsylvania, South Dakota and Indiana. Spartan reported sales of \$507 million in 2014 and is focused on becoming a global leader in the design, engineering and manufacture of specialty vehicles and chassis. Visit Spartan Motors at theshyftgroup.com.

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