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TechSolve and Ohio Aerospace Institute Partner to Advance Aerospace in Ohio

TechSolve and OAI partner to serve the aerospace industry to build business in Ohio.

Cincinnati, Ohio - October 09, 2009 - Effective October 16, 2009 - TechSolve and the Ohio Aerospace Institute (OAI) will collaborate to serve the needs of the Ohio aerospace community. This strategic alliance will bring together experts in aerospace to deliver new services in research and technology, design and manufacturing and to drive regional manufacturers toward more globally competitive solutions.

As the manufacturing industry faces a tightening economy, manufacturers across the state are looking to build upon opportunities in existing markets. Many are choosing aerospace. "Aerospace is a key strength and will provide continual opportunities for Ohio," notes Gary Conley, President of TechSolve. "Working with OAI, we can build on Ohio's deep aerospace heritage."

Ohio has an extensive integrated aerospace supply chain, with major suppliers such as GE Aviation, Goodrich Corporation, Parker Hannifin, Meggitt Aircraft Braking Systems, The Boeing Company, Delphi Automotive Systems, GrafTech International Ltd., Honeywell International Inc., Orbital Research, Inc, The Timken Company and over 600 others.

"With over 600 companies with predominant aerospace ties and over 186,000 jobs in aerospace, Ohio is clearly a national leader in aerospace, propulsion and power technology," stated Michael Heil, President and CEO of OAI. "Only Ohio can boast of two federal laboratories, ten leading universities with dedicated doctoral-level research and education programs in aerospace-related disciplines and a large number of aerospace manufacturing companies."

The TechSolve | OAI alliance brings together experts who can address the needs of aerospace across the continuum. "TechSolve's proven abilities in design and manufacturing are a perfect fit with OAI's world-class research and technology expertise. The possible synergies were instantly evident," notes Donald Majcher, Vice President of Technology and Innovation Partnerships at OAI.

"It's the dream team," says Gary Conley. "We know we have the right mix to be successful in this endeavor."

The alliance will create access to over 100 aerospace experts to serve the needs of Ohio companies. TechSolve and OAI will utilize their respective regional offices in Cleveland, Cincinnati and Dayton to better serve needs across the state.

On October 16 2009, TechSolve and OAI will host a roundtable event in Columbus. This event will also be available via WebEx. For more information on this event, please visit www.oai.org. Registration for this event is required.

For additional information on the new TechSolve | OAI Alliance, visit www.techsolve.org.

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TechSolve:

Over the past 25 years, Cincinnati-based TechSolve has helped aerospace leaders and suppliers implement process improvement and advanced manufacturing solutions that deliver measurable top-line and bottom-line results. TechSolve was awarded Edison funding by the Ohio Department of Development in support of efforts to drive growth in aerospace - one of the State of Ohio's key strategic focus industries by showing manufacturers a market entry strategy and making key connections with primes. TechSolve implements solutions that help companies increase profits and productivity throughout the organization and will assist in transforming organizations to world-class manufacturers. Through its team of experts, TechSolve provides affordable, innovative solutions to today's problems. Services include: Growth Services, Energy Services (E3), Enterprise Transformation, Performance-Based Training, Supplier Development and a Membership Program of over 225 industrial organizations. TechSolve is located at 6705 Steger Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45237. For more information visit: www.TechSolve.org.

OAI:

The Ohio Aerospace Institute (OAI) is a membership-based, nonprofit organization focused on growing Ohio's aerospace economy. With office locations near the NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, and Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, OAI drives technology development and commercialization by providing world-class sponsored research, partnerships, education, training, networking and information exchange to support Ohio's growing aerospace sector. OAI works closely with leading aerospace companies, universities and government laboratories to connect and develop new technologies through contracted services, cooperative agreements and multi-organizational working groups and consortia. Over the past 20 years, OAI has managed over \$200 million in research and education programs and has built a membership base of 75+ small / large companies. In addition, OAI works closely with economic development agencies across the state and Ohio's congressional delegation to develop and advocate for plans, strategies and initiatives to continue Ohio's prominence and position in key areas such as power and propulsion, where Ohio leads the nation. No matter where you're located, OAI can help you quickly make connections into this key aerospace sector. OAI is located at 22800 Cedar Point Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44142; and 5100 Springfield Pike, Dayton, Ohio 45431. For more information visit: www.oai.org.

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