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Shown right to left: Bobby Colvin, Aurora Flight Sciences, Jeff Brodersen, Chief Procurement Officer of AeroStructures Product Center at Sikorsky Aircraft, and Dow Welch, Aurora Flight Sciences.

Aurora Achieves UTC Supplier Gold

Manassas, VA, June 10, 2011 – Today Aurora Flight Sciences was recognized by Sikorsky Aircraft Corp., a subsidiary of United Technologies Corporation (UTC) with Supplier Gold certification for outstanding quality, delivery and customer service at its Columbus, Mississippi manufacturing facility.

Aurora manufactures the US Navy MH-60 helicopter sonobuoy launcher assembly at its Columbus, Mississippi plant. Aurora’s Mississippi facility also builds the primary door of the S-92 commercial helicopter as well as the weapons pylon for the H-92 military helicopter.

Supplier Gold is UTC’s highest recognition for outstanding supplier quality, delivery and customer service. Based on United Technologies Corporation’s Achieving Competitive Excellence (ACE) methods, the Supplier Gold program was launched in 2007 to improve the operating performance of Sikorsky and its key suppliers.

“Receiving Sikorsky’s Supplier Gold status is a tremendous honor for Aurora and our employees,” said John Langford, Aurora’s CEO and President. “It recognizes our commitment to producing quality products, delivering them on time, and providing our customers with outstanding service.”

Aurora achieved Supplier Gold status by demonstrating 100% quality and 100% on-time delivery for twelve consecutive months, by implementing a lean manufacturing culture, and by delivering outstanding customer satisfaction.

“Aurora’s team has demonstrated excellence in quality, on-time deliveries and a commitment to customer service which puts them in the top tier of our supply chain,” said Al Altieri, Sikorsky’s Vice President of Supply Chain.

Sikorsky recently selected Aurora Flight Sciences for its 2010 Supplier of the Year award for Aerostructures. Aurora plays a key role in engineering and manufacturing of major sections of Sikorsky’s CH-53K marine expeditionary helicopter.

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