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Hardware Specialty Co., Inc. Receives 2017 Soldier's Network Defender of the Year Award for Supporting U.S. Army Warfighter Information Network - Tactical

Marlborough, MA, March 30, 2017 – Hardware Specialty Co., Inc. received General Dynamics Mission Systems' 2017 Soldier's Network Defender of the Year award for the company's innovative and cost-effective support of the U.S. Army's Warfighter Information Network – Tactical (WIN-T) Increment 2 program. The program is the Army's tactical communications network backbone delivering mission command, communications and situational awareness for soldiers. It is a cornerstone of soldier readiness and a high-priority for today's leaner, expeditionary Army. General Dynamics Mission Systems is the prime contractor for WIN-T Increment 2.

Steve Boush (Director, Marketing & Procurement) accepted the award on behalf of the more than 100 employees, who focus on providing General Dynamics Mission Systems and the Soldier's Network with fasteners and electronic hardware that come together to form this mission critical tactical network. Founded in 1932 and based in Long Island City, NY, Hardware Specialty is a small business and leading international distributor of commercial and military fasteners, electronic hardware and components.

More than 60 WIN-T Increment 2 suppliers from 39 states attended the 2017 Soldier's Network Supplier Event in Washington D.C. The annual event provides a forum for suppliers to collaborate and receive status updates on WIN-T Increment 2 and the value it delivers to soldiers. Suppliers also had an opportunity to visit their local Congressional representatives about the program.

"A robust supplier base that supports military programs like WIN-T Increment 2 is key to ensuring soldiers have a critical advantage over adversaries who threaten our nation's safety and security," said Bill Weiss, a vice president of General Dynamics Mission Systems.

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Steve Boush said, “Each day, our employees work hard to ensure that our part of this critical communications capability is available for soldiers wherever they deploy. We’re proud to be part of WIN-T Increment 2 and we appreciate the support of our local congressional members Niki Tsongas and Elizabeth Warren.”

WIN-T Increment 2 depends on support from a diverse group of suppliers. Located in more than 39 states, these suppliers include small, veteran-owned, woman-owned, disadvantaged and other businesses representing thousands of jobs. These suppliers and the employment they represent support local economies and help maintain job opportunities for highly skilled workers.

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