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Fluid Components International, LLC (FCI) launches implementation of SEA Lean Enterprise System

Irvine, California – March 21, 2006 - According to President Dan McQueen, **Fluid Components International, LLC (FCI)**, located in San Marcos, California is launching the implementation of the **Supplier Excellence Alliance (SEA)** Lean Enterprise System (LES).

The LES is the industry standard business system being adopted by aerospace, defense, and space suppliers to help the U.S. supply chain become more competitive. The LES helps suppliers build new capabilities that will enable them to become more competitive and better support the emerging needs of their customers. The LES also builds a culture where lean production principles and standard work are applied throughout the organization to ensure sustained improvements in delivery and quality while reducing lead times and cost.

FCI is a manufacturer of flow, temperature, fluid level and pressure sensors and systems engineered for fixed wing and rotary aircraft. The company is an ISO 9001:2000 and AS 9100 certified manufacturer, and owns and operates one of the industry's most sophisticated, NIST traceable flow analysis and calibration laboratories that meets MIL-STD-45662A and ANSI/NCSL-Z-540 requirements. FCI also manufactures flow meters, flow switches and level switches for industrial process applications and is the worldwide leader in thermal dispersion flow measurement technology.

"We are excited about our partnership with SEA and implementation of the LES business system as an additional path to continuous improvement and supplier excellence for our aerospace customers. In an industry where the bar is constantly being raised, engagement with SEA ensures we will be able to meet tomorrow's expectations," said Dan McQueen, FCI President. "We are committed to the success of this program throughout FCI," added McQueen.

SEA is the joint program office for the aerospace, defense, and space industries' supply chain conversion. As a non-profit alliance of leading industry prime contractors, SEA's purpose is to accelerate supply chain performance and help U. S. suppliers become more competitive. SEA member companies include The Boeing Company, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman Company, United Technologies, Parker Aerospace, Rockwell Collins, Pratt & Whitney, Hamilton Sundstrand, Textron, Bell Helicopter, Cessna Aircraft, Honeywell, TW Metals, Space Systems Loral, Bombardier, Hitco Carbon Composites, and Dresser-Rand.

To learn more about FCI, visit their website at www.fluidcomponents.com. SEA visit the SEA website at www.seaonline.org.

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