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Cessna names Aerospace Optics 2007 silver-rated supplier

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, NOVEMBER 17, 2008 – Cessna Aircraft Company recently announced Aerospace Optics as one of its 2007 silver-rated suppliers for superior vendor performance, an honor it has now received four years in a row.

The award is part of a supplier tracking and rating system called STARS, which Cessna created in 2002 to support supply chain management. It uses a rating scale of one to five, with one representing the highest marks possible, to qualify vendors on quality, reliability, delivery and cost. According to the company, suppliers with the highest ratings in applicable categories are named gold and silver in recognition of their “excellent support to Cessna.” Aerospace Optics was one of only 21 silver-rated suppliers for 2007.

“Cessna is widely recognized as the world leader in its market,” said Loren Jensen, president and COO of Aerospace Optics. “It is a source of pride for our company and employees to be recognized by Cessna in this manner. We are honored by this award.”

Aerospace Optics is one of the world’s premier manufacturers of LED pushbutton switches, indicators and electro-optical, programmable displays for avionics, aerospace and defense applications. Located in Fort Worth, Texas, Aerospace Optics is an ISO9001:2000 and AS9100:2001 Section 1 certified supplier. For more information, visit www.vivisun.com or call 1-888-848-4786.

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