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CMTC Defense Parts Direct[™] Program Opens Door for 25 California companies to expand work with the DOD

TORRANCE, CA – <u>California Manufacturing Technology ConsultingTM (CMTC)</u> through its <u>Defense Parts DirectsM</u> (DPD) service enabled 25 California manufacturers to expand work with the Department of Defense (DOD). The companies are manufacturing parts for legacy systems which include the Air Force KC-135 Stratotanker, the Navy Sea Sparrow missile system, and the Marie Corps Light Armored Vehicle.

The DPD service addresses developing capability of California's manufacturers to certify, produce and deliver urgent DOD system legacy parts. CMTC works directly with engineering and weapon system program managers at military logistics and field activities to research and identify urgent requirements that are impacting fleet readiness due to long lead time, cost barriers, or non-existent suppliers. Once identified, comprehensive engineering incorporating reverse and re-engineering techniques and thorough qualification and certification manufacturers and parts are accomplished in order to provide California's suppliers opportunities to participate in DOD parts manufacturing work.

"Small and medium-sized manufacturers are critical to defense readiness as they are more agile and responsive than large defense prime contractors in the support of legacy systems. By increasing and maximizing the capabilities of the nation's largest small business manufacturing base, in California, DOD has a major opportunity to reduce costs and parts shortages. Further, assisting small California manufacturers win new business opportunities and diversify to the DOD market will help save jobs." said <u>David Braunstein</u>, <u>President and CEO</u> of CMTC.

California is home to the nation's largest number of small to medium-sized manufacturers – twice the number of the next two largest manufacturing states combined (New York and Texas). With its large experienced supplier base to aerospace and defense companies and its high-tech manufacturing capabilities, California has a uniquely qualified manufacturing base with the potential to significantly expand the DOD "secure and reliable" production capabilities.

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A private, nonprofit corporation established in 1992, CMTC serves Los Angeles to San Diego/Imperial County. CMTC provides high value consulting services for improving management and production of high tech and traditional small and medium-size manufacturers. CMTC Defense Services provides consulting services to manufacturers for bidding and qualifying parts for sales to the defense department. For more information, visit <u>www.cmtc.com</u>