Oklahoma Company Selected as 1999 Boeing Small Disadvantaged Business Supplier of the Year

Cherokee Nation Industries, Inc, (CNI) of Stilwell, Okla., has been named The Boeing Company Small Disadvantaged Business Supplier of the year.

The 1999 award was presented in Seattle to CNI executives by Harry Stonecipher, president and chief operating officer of The Boeing Company. The award is given annually to a minority-owned small disadvantaged business that is one of the company's top suppliers. Cherokee Nation received this same honor from Boeing in 1987.

"Cherokee Nation is an outstanding supplier," said Ralph Sinnett, the Boeing employee who nominated CNI for the honor. "Its on-time delivery performance is 100 percent and, in fact, CNI is more likely to ship ahead rather than late. Its quality performance approval for final products is superior. Cherokee Nation is well-deserved of this recognition its efforts to ensure customer satisfaction," Sinnett added.

Cherokee Nation Industries manufactures military electrical black boxes; fiberoptics connector termination onto raw fiber stock; wire harness assemblies for aircraft; and military and interconnect cables.

For more than 45 years, Boeing has maintained programs designed to ensure that small businesses have an equitable opportunity to compete for contracts. Today, Boeing leads the aerospace industry with companywide efforts to provide opportunities for small businesses, including those owned by minorities and women.

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