Derendinger & Cie SA awarded Boeing Gold Supplier Certification

The Boeing Company has awarded its gold level Preferred Supplier Certification to Derendinger & Cie SA of Geneva, Switzerland. Gold is the highest level in the Boeing Preferred Supplier Certification process - a tool to identify and recognize high-performing suppliers strategically important to Boeing.

"Working with excellent supplier partners like Derendinger makes good business sense," said Bill Stowers, vice president and general manager of Supplier Management and Procurement. "It enables Boeing to provide the high quality, affordable products our customers expect and deserve."

Company President Pierre Derendinger accepted the award from Boeing in a ceremony held during the Paris Air Show.

A supplier of high precision, complex machined parts, Derendinger supplies parts for the F/A-18C/D Hornet, the F/A-18E/F Super Hornet and the F-15 Eagle.

In 1983 the Swiss air force purchased 34 Hornets, with significant workshare awarded to Swiss industry. The industrial participation agreement with the Swiss government amounted to 100 percent of the $1.3 billion contract value.

Boeing awarded Derendinger its bronze level Preferred Supplier Certification in 1993.

Boeing has established three levels of certification - bronze, silver and gold. To achieve preferred supplier status, suppliers are evaluated against specific performance standards in three categories: statistical process control, business processes and performance.

Suppliers who meet or exceed the standards in these categories are identified and recognized as preferred suppliers. Preferred Supplier Certification can improve supplier competitiveness, increase bidder/source selection preference, enhance relationships with Boeing and reputation within industry, reduce potential for Boeing inspections, support supplier lean initiatives and provide access to Boeing resources and training.

Derendinger is under contract with Boeing to supply the F/A-18E/F stabilator torque box assembly and titanium hinge, as well as spares for the F/A-18C/D spindle bearing assembly.

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