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CSA Engineering Wins Tibbetts Award

Acknowledged for Successful Transition of SBIR Programs

Mountain View, CA -- CSA Engineering Inc. was honored as a Tibbetts Award winner in an October 2 ceremony in Washington, DC. Named for Roland Tibbetts, the prestigious national awards are made annually to small firms, projects, organizations and individuals judged to exemplify the very best in Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) achievement.

Tibbetts Awards are judged based on economic impact of technological innovation, business achievement and effective collaborations, and demonstrated state and regional impact. CSA Engineering was profiled as a "national asset for developing vibration mitigation technologies critical to the success of military and scientific exploration missions." The company was cited for the successful transition of its SoftRide vibration isolation technology to launch vehicles, and for transition of vibration isolation and suspension systems to the Airborne Laser (ABL).

This is the second major award CSA has received in 2002. In May, the company was named U.S. Small Business Administration National Government Contractor of the Year. CSA was the single national winner of that award.

According to Conor Johnson, CSA's President, "The SBIR program offers an outstanding return on investment for agencies in the federal government. For small companies like CSA, SBIR-funded research is a catalyst for new technologies with application to both government systems and commercial products. CSA is honored to receive the award and grateful for the support we've had from the Air Force Research Laboratory and other funding organizations."

CSA will exhibit at the World Space Congress October 14-19 in Houston, TX and feature technologies for protecting satellites and payloads during launch into space. CSA's patented SoftRide whole-spacecraft vibration isolation systems are inserted between a launch vehicle and spacecraft and serve to attenuate launch dynamic loads imparted to the spacecraft. To date, SoftRide has protected seven satellites, reducing vibration to levels only one-third of those experienced with traditional payload interfaces. This technology has saved the government millions of dollars and is now being considered for broad application to the U.S. launch vehicle fleet. Potential savings from improved spacecraft design and avoided failures could extend into the billions of dollars. In Houston, CSA will also feature launch protection systems for the Space Shuttle and vibration damping devices used on the Hubble Space Telescope.

CSA Engineering provides products and services based on the technologies of vibration suppression, precision motion and noise control. CSA applies established methods, adapts the most recent developments, and creates new ways of solving problems for customers in aerospace, semiconductor, life sciences, and industrial automation markets. Located in Mountain View, California, with a major facility in Albuquerque, New Mexico, CSA is celebrating its twentieth anniversary in 2002. To learn more, visit CSA's website at www.csaengineering.com or email info@csaengineering.com.