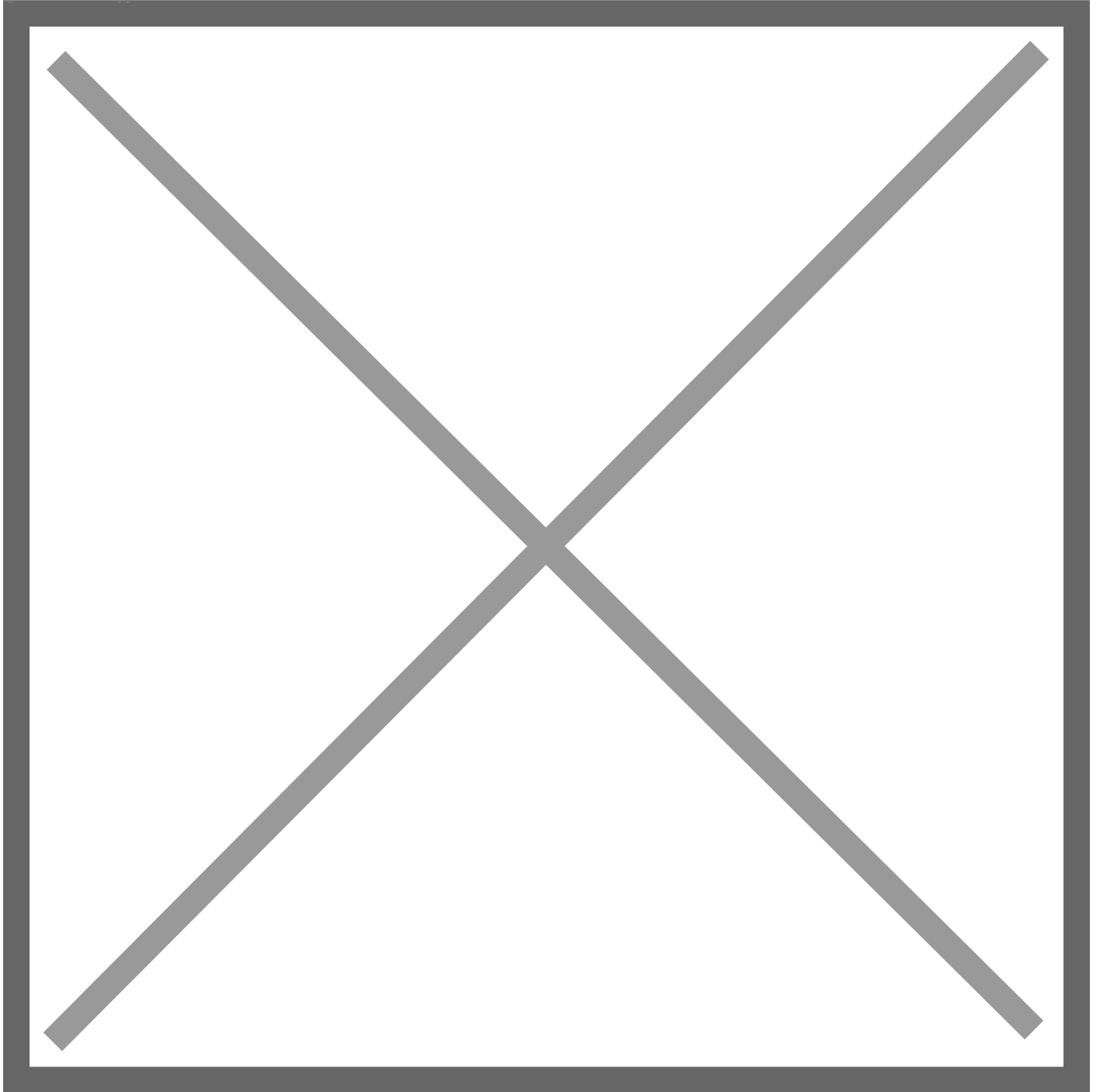


Toyota Recognizes Top North American Suppliers for 2013

March 12, 2014

Image not found or type unknown



ERLANGER, Ky. (March 12, 2014) – Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America, Inc.

(TEMA) awarded three suppliers with top honors based on their 2013 performance. Johnson Controls, Inc., OTICS USA, Inc. and TAIHO MANUFACTURING OF TENNESSEE, LLC each took home a “Superior” supplier award at TEMA’s annual business meeting, an annual gathering of companies that produce parts and materials for Toyota’s 12 North American models.

Johnson Controls, Inc., headquartered in Milwaukee, Wis., took home the prize for “Superior” performance in supplier diversity while OTICS USA, Inc., located in Morristown, Tenn. And TAIHO MANUFACTURING OF TENNESSEE, LLC, in Gordonsville, Tenn., each received superior awards for Quality performance.

Twenty-nine suppliers received “Excellent” awards for their performance in categories including supplier diversity, value improvement and quality performance. Launch performance awards were also given for the new models of Toyota’s RAV4, Tundra and Corolla.

“Toyota works closely with each supplier partner to build our vehicles to the high-quality, safety and reliability standards our customers expect,” said Robert Young, TEMA's purchasing vice president. “We were pleased to award those in our supply base who go above-and-beyond. This event emphasizes our mutual commitment with supplier partners to continuously improve to build “always better cars” in North America.”

During the meeting, TEMA addressed business objectives and goals in preparation for the fiscal year beginning April 1. TEMA’s President and CEO Simon Nagata attended, as well as presidents and other executives from Toyota’s 14 North American manufacturing facilities.

Held at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, the meeting brings together approximately 1,000 attendees from across North America.

Collectively, Toyota spends over \$32 billion on parts, goods and services in North America. In the U.S. alone, there are nearly 60,000 supplier jobs dedicated to Toyota across more than 30 states.

TEMA 2013 Supplier Award Recipients

SUPPLIER DIVERSITY AWARDS

Awarded to suppliers who implement supplier diversity activities and exceed targets

Supplier	N.A. Corporate Location	Commodity	Award
Johnson Controls, Inc.	Milwaukee, Wis.	Seats, Overhead Console, Injection Molding, Headliner, Door Trim, Battery	Superior
Continental Automotive Systems	Auburn Hills, Mich.	Blind Spot Monitor, Instrument Cluster, Heater Controls, Anti-Lock Brakes	Special Recognition of MBE Development
GENTEX CORPORATION	Zeeland, Mich.	Exterior mirrors, Inner Rearview Mirrors	Special Recognition of MBE Improvement

LAUNCH PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Awarded to suppliers who developed strategic launch plans and confirmed successful production

RAV4

Supplier	N.A. Plant Location	Commodity	Award
Aisin World Corp. of America	Stratford, Ontario, Canada	Sunroof	Excellent
JTEKT Automotive South Carolina	Piedmont, S.C.	Rear Half Shaft Assemblies	Excellent
Kawasaki Tennessee	Morristown, Tenn.	Engine Mount, Differential, Support Spacer	Excellent
Tenneco Cambridge	Cambridge, Ontario, Canada	Exhaust Assembly Parts	Excellent

Tundra

Supplier	N.A. Plant Location	Commodity	Award
Toyoda Gosei Texas, LLC	San Antonio, Texas	Injection Moldings	Excellent

Corolla

Supplier	N.A. Plant Location	Commodity	Award
Arvin Sango Canada Inc.	London, Ontario, Canada	Exhaust Pipe Weld Assembly	Excellent
CITIC Dicastal Co., Ltd.	Romulus, MI	17" Alloy Wheel	Excellent
FUEL TOTAL SYSTEMS CORPORATION	Lebanon, Ky.	Fuel Filler Pipe	Excellent
Johnson Controls, Inc.	Milton, Ontario, Canada	Seat Set	Excellent

VALUE IMPROVEMENT AWARDS

Awarded to suppliers who excel in efforts to reduce total cost with innovative and creative ideas.

Supplier	N.A. Corporate Location	Commodity	Award
Pioneer Automotive Technologies, Inc.	Springboro, Ohio	Radio, Display Audio, Lexus Navigation, XM Radio Tuner	Excellent
Sumitomo Electric Wiring Systems, Inc.	Bowling Green, Ky.	Heater control, Antennas, Body/Engine ECUs	Excellent
Toyoda Gosei North America Corporation	Troy, Mich.	Steering Wheels, Injection Molding, Weatherstrips, Interior Plastics, Exterior Grills	Excellent

QUALITY PERFORMANCE AWARDS

Awarded to suppliers who demonstrate quality in production, performance, delivery, warranty and service

Supplier	N.A. Plant Location	Commodity	Award
OTICS USA, Inc.	Morristown, Tenn.	Large Die Casting / Machining, Hot Forging	Superior
TAIHO MANUFACTURING OF TENNESSEE, LLC.	Gordonsville, Tenn.	Seals / Gaskets	Superior
ADVICS North America, Inc. ATTC Manufacturing, Inc.	Tell City, Ind.	Rotor / Drum	Excellent
AGC Automotive Americas Co.	San Antonio, Tex.	Glass	Excellent
Aisin Chemical Indiana, LLC	Crothersville, Ind.	AT Components	Excellent
Blue Ridge Metals Corporation	Fletcher, N.C.	Hot Forging	Excellent
CURTIS-MARUYASU AMERICA, INC.	Santa Claus, Ind.	Tubes	Excellent
CURTIS-MARUYASU AMERICA, INC.	Lebanon, Ky.	Tubes	Excellent
ELSA LLC	Elwood, Ind.	Fuel Tank, Plastic, Steel	Excellent
ENGINEERED SINTERED COMPONENTS	Troutman, N.C.	Powder Metal-Engine	Excellent
FUEL TOTAL SYSTEMS CORPORATION	Lebanon, Ky.	Fuel Filler, Fuel Tank, Plastic	Excellent
Hayashi Canada Inc. (Hayashi Telempu North America Corporation)	Stratford, ON, Canada	Dash and Hood Insulators, Floor Carpet Assembly	Excellent
HHI Forging LLC – FormTech Industries	Royal Oak, Mich.	Wheel Hubs	Excellent
HHI Forging LLC – Impact Forge Group	Columbus, Ind.	Hot Forging	Excellent
ITW Deltar Engineered Fasteners	Chippewa Falls, Wis.	Injection Molding, Injection Molded Fasteners	Excellent
Reyes Amtex Automotive	San Antonio, Tex.	Dash and Hood Insulators, Floor Carpet Assembly	Excellent
Somic America, Inc. ®	Brewer, Maine	Ball Joints, Stabilizer Links, Suspension Links	Excellent
Sonoco Protective Solutions – Mt. Pleasant Plant (Hayashi Telempu North America Corporation)	Mt Pleasant, Tenn.	Dash Panel Insulator	Excellent
Spartan Light Metal Products Hannibal, MO Plant	Hannibal, Mo.	Large Die Casting/Machining	Excellent
Techform Products, Ltd.	Penetanguishene, ON, Canada	Hinges	Excellent
Toyoda Gosei Automotive Sealing Mexico	San Luis Potosi (MX)	Weatherstrips	Excellent

###