

# Toyota Recognizes Top North American Suppliers for 2012

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ERLANGER, Ky. (March 22, 2013) – OTICS USA, Inc., TAIHO MANUFACTURING OF TENNESSEE, LLC, Mitchell Plastics and TG Missouri Corporation earned top recognition from Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing North America, Inc., (TEMA) at its annual supplier business meeting. The awards recognize suppliers who exceeded the company’s expectations in several categories.

OTICS USA, Inc., located in Morristown, Tenn.; TAIHO MANUFACTURING OF TENNESSEE, LLC, in Gordonsville, Tenn.; Mitchell Plastics in Huntsville, Ala.; and TG Missouri Corporation in Perryville, Mo., all received TEMA’s Superior Award for 2012 performance.

“Toyota works closely with each supplier partner in order to build our top quality vehicles,” stated Robert Young, TEMA’s purchasing vice president. “This event emphasizes our suppliers’ mutual commitment to partnership and continuous improvement, and allows Toyota to focus on building safe and reliable products.”

During the meeting, TEMA discussed business objectives with direct and indirect suppliers in preparation for the fiscal year beginning April 1. Held at the Northern Kentucky Convention Center in Covington, the meeting brings together approximately 900 attendees from across North America.

Toyota collectively spent nearly \$26 billion on parts, goods and services last year in North America. In the United States alone, there are about 50,000 supplier jobs dedicated to Toyota across more than 30 states.

Potential suppliers who wish to do business with Toyota can visit [www.toyotasupplier.com](http://www.toyotasupplier.com) for information on the company’s purchasing policies, principles and supplier diversity efforts.

## TEMA 2012 Supplier Award Recipients

### QUALITY PERFORMANCE AWARDS

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

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Commodity</b>
AISIN Chemical Indiana, LLC	Crothersville, Ind.	Transmission Discs
Bridgestone APM Company, Foam Products Division	Dickson, Tenn.	Pad for pillar, door trim, headlining

Curtis-Maruyasu America, Inc.	Santa Claus, Ind.	Brake and fuel line
Engineered Sintered Components	Troutman, N.C.	Powdered Metal Components
OTICS USA, Inc.	Morristown, Tenn.	Camshaft housing, roller arm, balancer
Somic America, Inc.®	Brewer, Maine	Tie rod ends, suspension ball joint, suspension arm
Spartan Light Metal Products	Hannibal, Mo.	Camshaft housing
TAIHO MANUFACTURING OF TENNESSEE, LLC	Gordonsville, Tenn.	Gasket, exhaust manifold
Toyotetsu Texas, Inc.	San Antonio, Texas	Stampings

#### **SUPPLIER DIVERSITY AWARDS**

*Awarded to suppliers who implement supplier diversity activities and exceed targets*

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>N.A. Corporate Location</b>	<b>Commodity</b>
Benteler Automotive	Auburn Hills, Mich.	Door impact beam, aluminum bumper reinforcement, exhaust manifolds, stamping

#### **LAUNCH PERFORMANCE AWARDS**

*Awarded to suppliers who developed strategic launch plans and confirmed successful production (Avalon)*

<b>Supplier</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Commodity</b>
Mitchell Plastics	Huntsville, Ala.	Defroster garnish
TG Missouri Corporation	Perryville, Mo.	Steering wheel, airbag

Toyotetsu America, Inc.

Somerset, Ky.

Stampings

**TECHNOLOGY & DEVELOPMENT AWARDS**

*Awarded to suppliers who made exciting advancements in their product technology*

**Supplier**

**N.A. Corporate Location**

**Commodity**

HP Pelzer Automotive Systems, Inc.

Troy, Mich.

One piece floor insulator

I I Stanley Co., Inc.

Battle Creek, Mich.

Stealth LED DRL/Park func

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