



Dear Supplier:

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Congratulations, you have been selected as one of General Dynamic Electric Boat's and Huntington Ingalls Incorporated, through its Newport News Shipbuilding division's **Top Tier Suppliers** for 2020. Suppliers who receive this award have met or exceeded a strict set of quality and performance criteria defined by our Integrated Enterprise Plan (IEP) assessments for the past three consecutive years. This new recognition award will be distributed annually to only the top performing suppliers with a green status for both quality and performance for three consecutive years. To be considered for selection, a supplier must be deemed critical to the success of our programs and perform in the top percentage of those suppliers.

The IEP was developed jointly with the US Navy to strengthen the supply base to support the US Navy's shipbuilding vision for years to come. Your identification as an IEP supplier signifies your importance to support the US Navy's mission by supplying critical material for these essential ships for our country. Furthermore, this award shows your commitment to meet the highest quality and performance standards while showing preparedness for the future needs of the shipbuilding programs.

We truly appreciate the dedication and support from all our suppliers, and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for exhibiting outstanding performance throughout this past year. This is a tremendous accomplishment that requires a high level of dedication and commitment to quality excellence each and every day. Electric Boat and Newport News Shipbuilding rely heavily on your commitment, to provide the highest quality products on time and at a fair and reasonable price.

Please accept this letter and enclosed certificate as your official notification of award. Congratulations on your exceptional quality performance and thank you for all you do!

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**Jim Cassidy**, Electric Boat  
Director of Subcontracts and Material Performance

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**Stephanie Conover**, NNS  
Director of Supply Chain Procurement

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**Michelle Natzel**, Electric Boat  
Director of General Procurement

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**Ray Montgomery**, NNS  
Director of Outsourcing

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**Adam Sederholt**, Electric Boat  
Acting Director of Supplier Quality

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**Gary Zimak**, NNS  
Director of Supplier Quality

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# Top Tier Supplier - 2020

*This award is presented to*

# Diversified Metals, Inc.

*for outstanding quality and performance in 2020  
among Electric Boat and Huntington Ingalls  
Industries-Newport News Shipbuilding  
critical suppliers*

*T. Blair Decker*  
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General Dynamics Electric Boat  
Vice President - Chief Supply Chain Officer



*Bryan Caccavale*  
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Huntington Ingalls Industries-Newport News Shipbuilding  
Vice President - Material Manufacturing & Plant Operations



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