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UNITED SPACE ALLIANCE PRESENTS SUPERIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS TO TEXAS EMPLOYEES

HOUSTON, Texas (March 27, 2008) -- United Space Alliance presented four individual employees and four teams with its highest company recognition, and honored Floyd Hamilton as Employee of the Year at its annual "Quest for Excellence" Awards ceremony on Wednesday.

Each month, USA presents Quest for Excellence awards in the categories of Leadership, Safety, Quality, Administrative Excellence, Technical Achievement, Community Service and Teamwork. The monthly winners are then candidates for the Superior Achievement Recognition Awards (SARA) in each category.

As USA's employee of the year, Hamilton, a Flight Operations manager, also received the SARA in the Leadership category. He received recognition for his project management of the initiatives that led to USA's Capability Maturity Model Institute Level 3 certification for Flight Operations.

The SARA for Safety went to Dee Haney who serves as USA Emergency Management Coordinator and was recognized for her leadership involving the recertification of five Texas sites at the STAR level in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Voluntary Protection Programs.

The SARA for Quality was awarded to Ann Esbeck, a Flight Controller assigned to the International Space Station Motion Control System. Esbeck was recognized for her out-of-the-box thinking in the development and implementation of a database used to track Space Station telemetry and Program Unique Identifiers.

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The SARA for Administrative Excellence went to Data Managers Dee Ann Graham and Cynthia Armitage who were recognized for their continued support of the management and delivery of contract-required documentation. Graham and Armitage released a total of 2,017 document deliverables, an average of 168 per month, for the year 2007.

The two-member International Space Station (ISS) Power System Reconfiguration team, comprised of flight controllers David Cook and Nancy Rustemeyer, received the SARA for Technical Achievement and was recognized for the successful reconfiguration of the Station's electrical power system on the STS-116 mission. The team played a vital role in resolving the 4B solar array reconfiguration during this mission.

There was a tie for the SARA for Teamwork. The 18-member 13A Guidance, Navigation and Control Failure Recovery Team was recognized for its efforts to resolve critical failures of the ISS guidance system during the ISS-13A/STS-117 mission.

The eight-member Houston Support Group Remote Interface Officer Team also was recognized for its outstanding performance in coordinating the resolution of the ISS 13A/STS-117 failures. The team, experts in both U.S. and Russian Space Station systems, demonstrated professionalism and initiative in coordinating the resolution.

The SARA for Community Service was awarded to Joan Haas who has worked with the Huntsville Special Olympics for 15 years and has served as the chairperson for the Huntsville-Madison County Special Olympics Track and Field Events for the last six years. Her work involves coordinating the 600 volunteers needed to support this event.

United Space Alliance is a world leader in space operations with extensive experience in all aspects of the field. Headquartered in Houston, USA has 10,000 employees working in Texas, Florida and Alabama. Currently, USA is applying its broad range of capabilities to NASA's Space Shuttle, International Space Station and Constellation programs as well as to space operations customers in the commercial and international space industry sectors.

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