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## Trident Space & Defense Receives its Third Consecutive Northrop Grumman Gold Subcontractor Award for Excellence in Quality of Products and Services



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For the third consecutive year, Trident Space & Defense, LLC (formerly Vertical Circuits, Inc) has been awarded the Gold Subcontractor Award by Northrop Grumman Space Technology (NGST).

Trident was presented the award on April 17<sup>th</sup> at NGST's annual supplier day conference in Long Beach, California. The day long conference had a theme of "Trusted Supply Base - Raising the Bar on Supplier performance". The award was received by Trident's Roydn Jones, VP of Advanced Products and Dan Bush, Contracts Manager.

"Our dependence on and expectations for our key suppliers continue to grow – both in terms of their share of our business and by virtue of our strategic outsourcing initiatives," said Jim Myers, Vice President of Payloads and Sensors. "Our 2007 Gold winners have demonstrated the kind of ongoing commitment to performance necessary to meet our standards and those set by our customers".

"We are extremely proud to be a key supplier to Northrop Grumman Space Technology" said Roydn Jones, "The Trident team has been providing state-of-the-art microcircuits to Northrop Grumman Space Technology for several years and to receive the Gold Supplier Award for the third consecutive year is truly a testament to the quality, consistency and dedication of Trident's team".

### About Trident Space & Defense:

Trident Space & Defense, LLC is composed of three operating units. The Advanced Products business unit designs advanced custom multi-chip modules and dense systems-in-a-package solutions for Aerospace and Defense applications. The Space Electronic Components business unit is a supplier of high reliability electronic components and design support services to the space industry. The Ground Systems business unit supplies custom, turnkey full-tracking ground stations to the commercial space industry.

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