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SNC Renews CMMI Maturity Level 3 Rating!

Sparks, Nevada – June 23, 2009 - Sierra Nevada Corporation announces that its Communication, Navigation, Surveillance and Air Traffic Management (CNS/ATM) Business Area was found to satisfy all of the Software Engineering Institute's (SEI) Capability Maturity Model[®] IntegrationSM (CMMI[®]) Maturity Level 3 requirements. CMMI[®] is recognized as the standard for benchmarking industry's maturity in engineering and management processes.

CNS/ATM demonstrated Maturity Level 3 compliance to CMMI[®] for Development Version 1.2 with the Integrated Product and Process Development addition (CMMI-DEV+IPPD) using the Standard CMMI[®] Appraisal Method for Process Improvement (SCAMPISM) Version 1.2. The SCAMPISM A reappraisal, required to renew CNS/ATM's 2006 Maturity Level 3 rating, was led by an SEI Authorized Lead Appraiser from The Process Group of Dallas TX. The appraisal covered the systems engineering and software engineering product development capability at multiple sites (Sparks NV, Salt Lake City UT, and Irvine CA).

The SEI is a federally funded research and development center sponsored by the U.S. Department of Defense and operated by Carnegie Mellon University. The CMMI[®] product suite was developed to integrate multiple capability maturity models into a single framework for use by organizations pursuing enterprise-wide process improvement.

About Sierra Nevada Corporation

Sierra Nevada Corporation (SNC) is known for its rapid, innovative, and agile technology solutions in electronics, aerospace, avionics, space, propulsion, micro-satellite, aircraft and communications systems for both the private and public sectors. Founded in 1963, SNC's seven unique business areas employ more than 1600 people in 31 different locations in 20 states – all of whom are dedicated to providing leading-edge solutions to SNC's dynamic customer base.

Over its 45 year history, SNC has remained focused on providing its customers the very best in diversified technologies to meet their needs and has a strong and proven track record of success. SNC has grown into one of the Top Woman-Owned Federal Contractors in the United States while maintaining its reputation for innovation and agility. The company continues to focus its growth on the commercial sector through internal advancements and outside acquisitions, including the emerging markets of telemedicine, nanotechnology, energy and net-centric operations. For more information on SNC visit www.sncorp.com

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