



Texas Instruments Presents Applied Materials' Service Group with 2004 Supplier Excellence Award

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SANTA CLARA, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 19, 2005--Applied Materials, Inc. announced that its service group has received the prestigious 2004 Supplier Excellence Award from Texas Instruments (TI). Given to less than one percent of TI's global base of suppliers, the award particularly noted Applied's outstanding spare parts cost reduction programs, on-time delivery, continuous improvement programs, quality of materials and customer satisfaction through proactive interaction with TI's purchasing, logistics and manufacturing. TI presented the award to Applied Materials at a ceremony on May 18, 2005.

Rob Simpson, vice president of Worldwide Procurement and Logistics at TI, said, "Our award this year to Applied Materials' service organization is for its superior service and support of Applied systems throughout TI's production fabs and development centers. The group's overall 2004 performance showed outstanding improvements in all areas of the TI scoring system, including a high level of continuous improvement in cost reduction and many other quality areas that are critical to our business success."

TI's Supplier Excellence Award honors firms whose dedication and commitment in supplying products and services meet TI's high standards for excellence. Recipients are an elite group of suppliers chosen for their exemplary performance in the areas of cost, environmental responsibility, technology, responsiveness, assurance of supply, and quality.

"Our mission is to provide superior service solutions to our customers," said Manfred Kerschbaum, senior vice president and general manager of the Applied Global Services group. "The Applied service products that have been deployed within TI's facilities help meet this goal by enabling their efficiency and profitability."

Applied Materials, Inc. (Nasdaq:AMAT), headquartered in Santa Clara, California, is the largest supplier of equipment and services to the global semiconductor industry. Applied Materials' web site is www.appliedmaterials.com.

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