AAQG announces the 2012 recipient of the Mike Gallagher Award

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Denver, Colorado—The Americas Aerospace Quality Group (AAQG) announced Richard Downs, Cessna Aircraft Company, a division of Textron, as the 2012 recipient of the annual Mike Gallagher Award. The AAQG Leadership Team established the Mike Gallagher Award to honor the memory of Mike Gallagher and the tremendous impact he had on the aviation, space and defense industry.

This award recognizes individuals who have distinguished themselves by making unique and outstanding contributions to the aviation, space and defense industry related activities in the AAQG, standards development, oversight and maintenance of the International Aerospace Quality Group (IAQG), Industry Controlled Other Party (ICOP) scheme in the Americas sector.

Mr. Downs was chosen by a group of his peers based on the significance of his contributions, the impact and influence he has had on the industry and recognition for his leadership qualities and depth of participation in furthering the objectives of the organization.

About the Americas Aerospace Quality Group
The AAQG is a cooperative organization within the aerospace industry in the Americas (including North, Central and South Americas). Its processes are established in a set of agreed, documented, operational procedures. To learn more about the AAQG, please visit http://www.sae.org/aaqg/