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STI President Robert Haefner (right) receives the Stellar Award Nomination from ATK Launch Systems Program Manager Steve Larsen (left).



Stellar Award Nomination
 Award

Amherst, New York

Stellar Technology recognized with the Stellar Nomination Award, presented by the Rotary National Award for Space Achievement (RNASA) Foundation.

ATK Launch Systems, Inc. and Stellar Technology, Inc. were jointly nominated for the prestigious RNASA Stellar Team Award. The nomination, for the Reusable Solid Rocket Motor (RSRM) Intelligent Pressure Transducer (IPT) read:

“For the Exceptional effort and dedication in the development, qualification, and implementation of a stand-alone Intelligent Pressure Transducer for collecting motor ignition and thrust oscillation data on Space Shuttle reusable solid rocket motors for better understanding of the Ares I first stage.”

Nominations for the Stellar Awards are solicited from NASA, the military, university and industry leaders. A panel, whose decisions are based upon which nominees' accomplishments hold the greatest promise for furthering future activities in space, then reviews them.

Established in 1985 by the Space Center Rotary Club, the RNASA recognizes outstanding achievements in space while creating greater public awareness of the benefits of space exploration

Previous winners include: Neil Armstrong, President George H. W. Bush and former Flight Director for the Apollo Program, Eugene “Gene” Kranz.

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A team from ATK Launch Systems in Brigham City, Utah visited STI in Amherst, NY to present Mr. Robert Haefner, President STI, with the Nomination Award.

The ATK presenting Team consisted of Mr. H. Gregg Kotter, Program Director Ares I First Stage Five Segment Motor; Mr. Brian Simmons, Chief Engineer 5-Segment Motor; Mr. Steve Larsen, Program Manager Final Assembly; and Ms. Terri Day, SCM Specialist.

STI was also presented with the first two Intelligent Pressure Transducers ever flown on Space Shuttle Mission STS-126. The two IPT's were recovered from the Reusable Solid Rocket Motors for flight data download and analysis.

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