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Left to right: Kathleen Dilworth (GM), Scott Abbate (HAI), Katsu Uno (HAI), Jim Toeniskoetter (HAI), and Dave Drouillard (GM)

## For Immediate Release

HIROTEC AMERICA Recognized by General Motors as a 2014 Supplier of the Year Winner

**Auburn Hills, MI., March 9, 2015** – HIROTEC AMERICA, Inc, a member of the HIROTEC Group, was named a Supplier of the Year by General Motors during its 23rd annual Supplier of the Year awards ceremony. The event was held on Wednesday, March 5 at the Cobo Center in Detroit, Mich.

GM's exclusive Supplier of the Year honor was presented to only 78 of its best global suppliers that exceeded expectations in quality, technology, cost, and delivery. This is the 21<sup>st</sup> time a member of the HIROTEC Group has received the award, and the 11<sup>th</sup> time for HIROTEC AMERICA.

"These companies are the best-of-the-best suppliers, and deserving of special recognition for their outstanding contributions," said Steve Kiefer, GM Vice President, Global Purchasing and Supply Chain. "We need them to continue to bring us their most innovative technologies and highest quality services and work, and we will continue to win together for the benefit of our customers."

HIROTEC AMERICA has worked closely with General Motors for two decades, providing innovative and highly flexible body-in-white closure manufacturing solutions starting from up front product development through start of production.

"It's truly a testament to the hard work and dedication of our employees to be recognized by General Motors with this prestigious award," said Katsu Uno, Chairman and CEO of HIROTEC AMERICA. "We're especially proud to say that we've achieved this accolade eleven times (for seven consecutive years), demonstrating our dedication to providing a turn-key solution that delivers the highest quality closure manufacturing systems to our customers around the world."

The Supplier of the Year award winners are chosen by a global team of GM purchasing, engineering, quality, manufacturing, and logistics executives.

## **About HIROTEC AMERICA**

HIROTEC AMERICA, Inc. is part of the HIROTEC Group Companies that have worldwide sales in excess of 1.5 billion dollars and 25 locations worldwide. For over 25 years, HIROTEC AMERICA has been providing innovative and highly flexible closure manufacturing solutions to automotive customers around the world. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.hirotecamerica.com">www.hirotecamerica.com</a>.

## **About General Motors Co.**

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