



DEARBORN, Mich., Sept. 4, 2007 – Ford Motor Company today announced 15 new Aligned Business Framework (ABF) suppliers, eight of which are minority- and women-owned business enterprises (MWBE), furthering its progress toward a leaner and more efficient supply chain.

The new ABF suppliers are:

Active Aero *	Gonzalez Production Systems *+
Aristeo *	Grupo Antolin Wayne +
Bing Group +	Kuka Flexible Production Systems *
Cooper Standard	Prime Wheel +
Dakota +	Roush *
Devon Industrial Group *+	Schneider Electric *
Flex-N-Gate +	Siemens
Global Parts and Maintenance *+	

*– Non-production Supplier

+ – MWBE Supplier

No marking indicates Production Supplier

“The Aligned Business Framework business model is on track, and is one of the many efforts to aggressively restructure operations in order to operate profitably,” said Tony (Thomas K.) Brown, senior vice president, Global Purchasing. “We are pleased with the progress that we have made, and look forward to future collaboration with our ABF network.”

Ford has reached strategic agreement on 13 of the 20 high-impact ABF commodities and systems identified earlier in the process. The seven commodities with open strategies are due to supply base restructuring actions and the potential impact to Automotive Components Holdings (ACH) facilities, and will be completed as soon as possible.

“We are continuing to forge stronger and better relationships with our strategic suppliers,” said Brown. “We have always known that the ABF process would not happen overnight. We recognize that it takes time to reach agreements and adopt the principles, both internally and externally, but we are pleased with the initial results.”

The newly named ABF suppliers have a long and established history in the Ford supply base, and by designating minority- and women-owned business enterprises as ABF suppliers, Ford is affirming its leadership in the area of supplier diversity development.

The ABF program emphasizes Ford-supplier collaboration and commitment and is an enabler through which minority- and women-owned suppliers can build scale, achieve profitable growth and become sustainable enterprises over the long term.

Since the fall of 2005, Ford has identified 45 production and 14 non-production ABF suppliers. Ford Motor Company has entered into ABF agreements with these select suppliers to strengthen collaboration and develop a sustainable business model to drive mutual profitability and technology development.

Ford Motor Company, a global automotive industry leader based in Dearborn, Mich., manufactures or distributes automobiles in 200 markets across six continents. With about 260,000 employees and about 100 plants worldwide, the company’s core and affiliated automotive brands include Ford, Jaguar, Land Rover, Lincoln, Mercury, Volvo and Mazda. The company provides financial services through Ford Motor Credit Company. For more information regarding Ford’s products, please visit <http://www.fordvehicles.com/>.