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## RPP CORPORATION RECEIVES PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXPORTS

WASHINGTON – U.S. Acting Secretary of Commerce Rebecca Blank today presented RPP Corporation with the President’s “E” Award for Exports at a ceremony in Washington, D.C. The “E” Awards are the highest recognition any U.S. entity may receive for making a significant contribution to the expansion of U.S. exports.

**“Engineering expertise and materials knowledge drive our export success.”, said Nick Pramas, RPP Corporation’s CFO. “In the face of increasing competition and supplier localization, RPP’s exports continue to grow because of our technologically advanced, high quality products and an experienced engineering team dedicated to providing creative and timely solutions.”**

“I am delighted to be recognizing this year’s Presidential ‘E’ Award winners for their outstanding contributions to U.S. exports and congratulate RPP Corporation on its outstanding export achievement,” said Acting Secretary Blank. “It is businesses like RPP Corporation that are strengthening the economies of local communities, creating jobs, and contributing to the worldwide demand for ‘Made in the USA’ goods and services.”

**RPP Corporation ([www.RPPCorp.com](http://www.RPPCorp.com)), located in Lawrence, Massachusetts, specializes in custom, fabric reinforced diaphragm seals for Process Control, Gas Regulation, Water Management, Industrial, Medical and Aerospace systems. Supplying customers around the globe since 1963, exports account for almost 50% of RPP’s annual revenue.**

U.S. exports hit an all-time record of \$2.2 trillion in 2012, and supported nearly 10 million American jobs. President Obama’s National Export Initiative, which aims to double U.S. exports by the end of 2014 and support an additional 2 million jobs in the United States, is opening new avenues for U.S. exporters through enhanced export assistance and a strengthened trade agenda that is targeting emerging markets and industry sectors across the globe.

President Kennedy revived the World War II “E” symbol of excellence to honor and provide recognition to America’s exporters. The “E” Award Program was established by Executive Order 10978 on December 5, 1961. A total of 57 U.S. companies were presented with the President’s “E” Award this year.

U.S. companies are nominated for the “E” Award for Exports through the Department of Commerce’s U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service office network, located within the Department’s International Trade Administration, which has offices in 108 U.S. cities and more than 70 countries to help U.S. exporters. Four years of successive export growth and an applicant’s demonstration of an innovative international marketing plan that led to the increase in exports is a significant factor in making the award.