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Optimization Technologies, Inc., honored by Department of Defense for Support of National Guard and Reserve

Beaverton, Oregon – The Oregon Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), an agency of the Department of Defense, announced today that Dexter Turner, President and CEO of Optimization Technologies, was honored with an Above And Beyond Award in recognition of extraordinary support of an employee who serves in the U.S. Naval Reserves.

Turner was nominated by LCDR Darrin Perrine, executive officer of Navy Cargo Handling Battalion Three based in Tacoma, Wash. Perrine said he was hired at Optimization Technologies as a project manager three months before his military unit was scheduled to leave for Kuwait in early 2007 for a 9-month deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“When Mr. Turner offered me the position with his company, I took a chance and made full disclosure of my pending mobilization even though I was not required to by law,” Perrine said. “I also offered to allow him to rescind the offer if he felt that he needed to. To his credit, he decided to hire me in spite of my pending departure and worked rapidly to get me integrated into the Op Tech team.”

More noteworthy, Perrin said, was that his position was retained after the business unit he managed was sold while he was overseas.

“Even though he was not under any legal obligation to retain my position, he not only preserved my job, but he also allowed me to shift my leadership position to the remaining company and stay on with his team when I returned from Kuwait,” Perrin said. “I am very grateful to Mr. Turner’s support, and feel that this was a personal and professional sacrifice for him to keep me on staff when I was new to the company, and then mobilized for so long immediately after I had started with the company.”

Turner accepted the award during a Wednesday morning ceremony at the company’s Beaverton offices.

“I am honored to receive this award,” Turner said. “I felt it was our company’s duty to do what we could to support Darrin and all the military men and women as they make their own personal sacrifices while so proudly serving our country in the National Guard and Reserves.”

About the Above and Beyond Award:

The award is given in limited numbers by state and territory ESGR committees. It recognizes employers at the state and local level who have gone above and beyond the legal requirements for granting leave and providing support for military duty by their employees.

About Optimization Technologies (www.optechsw.com):

Optimization Technologies is a minority- and veteran-owned software technology & consulting company located in Beaverton, Oregon. The company was founded in 2001. The company has had a successful business history in the aerospace sector. The company also manufactures the OpConnect Electric Vehicle Charging System, which includes electric vehicle charging stations and OpConnect’s proprietary smart-grid technology.

About ESGR (www.esgr.org):

ESGR was created in 1972. Its mission is to gain and maintain employer support for the more than 1.3 million Guard and Reserve service members by recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of the law and resolving conflicts through mediation.