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To whom it may concern,

I have known Rod Holter for over 25 years and was delighted to hear that he was representing Schooley Mitchell, and could potentially achieve savings for my business. I knew we could trust Rod and his team to provide this service with professionalism and care that would be meaningful to my business.

Operating a multi-site manufacturing operation has a unique set of challenges. These challenges all too often can distract my team from getting the best value with some of our overhead suppliers. In fact, we simply do not have the data to know what the best deal may look like, but we discovered that Schooley Mitchell does.

Rod's team analyzed 8 cost categories by reviewing our supplier invoices to determine whether savings could be found. The process is truly seamless for the client. All that was required was a quick conversation about our set up, access to our invoices and contracts, and then Schooley Mitchell did all the work from there. My confidence was proven spot on when Rod came back to me and presented the report showing that Schooley Mitchell was able to identify more than six figures in annual savings. These savings allow us to better serve our customers and staff, which means a lot to our business.

We are very happy with the work Rod and his team at Schooley Mitchell have done for TIGHITCO and strongly recommend any business or organization take advantage of their services and partnership.

Sincerely,  
Mark Withrow, President & CEO, TIGHITCO



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## **TIGHITCO CELEBRATES SUCCESS IN EXPANDING THEIR OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE**

*Charleston, SC— 15 February 2024—* TIGHITCO, a leading aerospace and defense company, is proud to announce that They have reached another milestone in their growth of their operational excellence models with the certification of 15 employees as Six-Sigma Yellow Belts in the past year. This achievement marks a significant step towards the company's goal of achieving full saturation of Six-Sigma methodology across all departments.

The certification process was conducted in two training waves, with each wave consisting of rigorous training and examinations, followed by project completion to finalize certification. The certified employees were recognized for their dedication and hard work with awards and belts, symbolizing their expertise in the systematic approach to reducing waste, improving processes, and problem-solving.

Six-Sigma methodology is a data-driven approach to process improvement, which has been proven to be highly effective in reducing costs, improving quality, and increasing customer satisfaction. By making this investment and achieving certification, TIGHITCO is taking a significant step towards achieving full saturation of Six-Sigma/Lean manufacturing methodology across all departments, which will further enhance the company's operational excellence (OPEX) industrialization efforts.

"We are thrilled to have certified our Six-Sigma Yellow Belts last year, and we are confident that their expertise will contribute to our company's success," said Shawn Hawks, VP/General Manager of TIGHITCO Complex Composites. "This achievement is a testament to our commitment to continuous improvement and our dedication to providing the best products and services to our customers. We look forward to continuing our journey towards full saturation of Six-Sigma methodology and achieving even greater success in the future."

For more information about TIGHITCO and its services, please visit their website at [www.tightco.com](http://www.tightco.com).

### **About TIGHITCO**

Since 1944, TIGHITCO has been a leader in the aerospace and defense industry. The Aerostructures Division was established in 1972. With a prime focus on advanced composite aerostructures, metallic, soft goods and molded insulation systems, sheet metal forming and MRO, TIGHITCO has developed a reputation as a key player in the industry. TIGHITCO's meticulous craftsmanship achieves the high quality that the aerospace industry demands, providing full lifecycle support of all products from conceptual design development, to testing and first part qualification/certification.

Being fully integrated, and able to quickly move through analysis, tooling, and fabrication, TIGHITCO will make any project an easy transition from a build-to-print to a quality part. TIGHITCO offers full-service solutions; maintaining the unique ability to incorporate engineering expertise and manufacturing talent to rapidly produce new products for defense and commercial customers. TIGHITCO is Nadcap and ISO 9001:2015 and AS9100D accredited, with a proven track record of nearly five decades of manufacturing.

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