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**ROLLS-ROYCE CONGRATULATES  
BLACK ENGINEER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNERS**

Rolls-Royce congratulates three employees to be recognized for their significant contributions in science and technology during the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Engineer of the Year Awards Conference taking place this week in Baltimore, Maryland.

Raynelle Callender, Sales Manager - CorporateCare, and Didier Leveille, Mechanical Design Engineer, were each selected to receive the Modern Day Technology Leaders Award, which recognizes men and women of color who not only demonstrate outstanding performance but will shape the course of engineering, science and technology in the future. Reginald McGregor, Process Excellence Black Belt, will receive the Special Recognition Award based on qualifications and performance that rank him among the nation's highest achievers in science and technology.

The Black Engineer of the Year Awards Conference, is sponsored by Career Communications Group, Inc., publisher of U.S. Black Engineer Information Technology. It is the largest event of its kind in the nation, bringing 7,000 current and future leaders in engineering and technology together each year.

Amos Hewitt, Director, Diversity and Employment Practices, Rolls-Royce North America said: *"We congratulate all of this year's Black Engineer of the Year Award winners on their outstanding achievements. We are especially proud of our employee honorees and their accomplishments which reflect the high-quality talent that drives our business and our future."*

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**Corporate note to editors:**

1. Rolls-Royce operates in four global markets – civil aerospace, defense aerospace, marine and energy and is a major industry player in North America. The company employs some 7,300 people at more than 64 US locations in 26 states and eight sites in six Canadian provinces.
2. Global company annual sales total \$12 billion of which \$3.9 billion are from North American businesses. The company's total U.S. investment stands at \$1 billion and growing. U.S. interests hold more than 30 per cent of Rolls-Royce shares. More Rolls-Royce engines are built in the United States than anywhere else in the world.

3. Headquartered outside of Washington, D.C., in Chantilly, Virginia, Rolls-Royce North America provides management direction and corporate support for all Rolls-Royce businesses and operations in the region. Chantilly is also the global headquarters for the company's Corporate & Regional Aircraft business.
4. Rolls-Royce North America supports a wide range of customers, including: civil and military aircraft manufacturers; commercial airlines; corporate and regional operators; public utilities; independent power producers; pipeline operators; and on- and off-shore oil producers, to name a few.
5. Rolls-Royce North America is a socially responsible corporate citizen and a good neighbor. The company and its employees actively support their local communities. In 2005, the organization contributed more than \$600,000 to philanthropic causes and efforts across the region.

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