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Crystal Group: Building for the Future

Crystal Group in Hiawatha is an industry partner of choice for innovators throughout the United States and across the globe. Crystal Group's computer and electronics systems are engineered from the ground up to be powerful, rugged and reliable – even in extreme environments. It's just one reason industry leaders count on Crystal Group rugged hardware for safety-critical, mission-critical and cutting-edge systems across military, industrial and commercial markets.

Innovators in various industry verticals employ Crystal Group computers and electronics in crucial systems, including the most advanced autonomous, unmanned and automated vehicles. Autonomous cars and trucks – ranging from compact, grocery-delivery cars to 18-wheel "big rig" commercial semis – count on Crystal Group hardware.

Energy systems responsible for gas leak detection, power distribution health monitoring, and smart grid upgrades use Crystal Group rugged and reliable systems, built to last and perform without fail in harsh environmental conditions. Innovative Crystal Group systems have been deployed in over 36 countries on more than 600 military programs, including key systems used by the U.S. Air Force, Army, Navy and Marines.

Crystal Group partners with industry lead-

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growth

Crystal Group, Inc.

Hiawatha | Founded 1987
crystalrugged.com | Fifth time on list

ers to bring the latest commercial technologies to its customers and its product portfolio. An Intel Technology Platinum Provider and Intel Internet of Things (IoT) Solutions Alliance member, Crystal Group is working with the new Intel® OpenVINO™ toolkit to enable computer vision, artificial intelligence, machine learning and deep neural network solutions.

To keep pace with growing demand for its products, Crystal Group completed a \$17.5 million expansion in 2018 that includes an impressive new building, measuring 111,500 square-feet, and encompassing state-of-the-art engineering, manufacturing and test equipment. Crystal Group also grew its staff, adding over 100 new Hiawatha-based jobs in manufacturing, engineering and sales.

Crystal Group continues to invest in the community by providing annual Innovation Scholarships and sponsoring student awards to encourage education, including business, science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields of study. No stranger to awards, Crystal Group has earned the Gold BAE Systems Partner 2 Win award for outstanding achieve-

ment of 100 percent on-time delivery and zero-defect quality standards for two consecutive years.

Other accolades include: Boeing Performance Excellence Award, Gold Innovators Award from Military & Aerospace Electronics, Department of Defense Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Patriot Award, Best Place to Work for Veterans Award and recognition as one of the top 25 Fastest Growing Companies and Coolest Places to Work from the Corridor Business Journal, VMware Top 20 Provider, Top 10 Embedded Design for Automotive, and Intel Internet of Things (IoT) Partner of the Year Award.

Crystal Group holds 26 patents on rugged systems and methods, and offers rugged servers, embedded computers, networking devices, displays and data storage devices with industry-leading warranties. Products are designed to deliver high performance and high reliability over a long service life in even the most severe environments, where commercial and enterprise-class electronics fail.

Latest innovations include Crystal Group FORCE™ (Fully Optimized Rugged Computer Equipment) and RIA™ (Rugged Intelligence Appliance) product families.

When systems need to work every time and everywhere, organizations choose Crystal Group. ■

