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**Arlington Capital Partners' Portfolio Company Cadence Aerospace Announces
the Acquisition of Premier Processing**

Washington, DC – February 18, 2020 – Cadence Aerospace (“Cadence” or the “Company”), a portfolio company of Arlington Capital Partners (“Arlington Capital”), today announced the acquisition of Premier Processing (“Premier”). Premier is a leading provider of surface finishing and special processing capabilities for aerospace and defense customers. Premier is headquartered in Wichita, KS with a single 35,640 square foot facility and numerous industry and customer accreditations. Premier will continue to be run by Brad Hart and the existing management team.

Peter Manos, a Managing Partner at Arlington Capital, said, “The acquisition of Premier allows us to significantly expand Cadence’s key capability set into the attractive special processing market, which has been a long-standing investment focus for both Arlington Capital and Cadence. Furthermore, we plan to invest significantly to further expand Premier’s special processing capabilities and will work with Brad and his team to roll-out special processing capabilities across the broader Cadence footprint. This extremely strategic addition will allow Cadence to further differentiate itself as one of the leading manufacturers of complex aerospace and defense components.”

Thomas Hutton, CEO of Cadence, said, “We are looking forward to an extremely fruitful and collaborative partnership with Brad and the entire Premier team, who have done a phenomenal job building an enterprise with unique special processing capabilities, operational excellence, a strong culture and longstanding customer relationships. We are excited to work together to further build upon the excellent work the Premier team has done to date.”

Brad Hart, President of Premier, said, “The partnership with Cadence will allow us to further execute on our growth strategy, including highly strategic capital investments to expand the size and complexity of parts we

can process. This will allow us to better serve existing and new customers, as well as to handle more of the highly complex and large parts that Cadence manufactures.”

Bilal Noor, a Vice President at Arlington Capital, said, “The addition of Premier significantly enhances Cadence’s strategic profile by further positioning the combined business as a highly differentiated and vertically integrated provider of precision manufacturing. This acquisition will boost Cadence’s margins, decrease lead times while improving quality and service, and position Cadence as a ‘one-stop-shop’ for its customers.”

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About Cadence Aerospace

[Cadence Aerospace](#), a portfolio company of Arlington Capital Partners, is a leading aerospace and defense industry supplier committed to achieving success with its business partners through active engagement, aligned manufacturing and sourcing strategies, and industry-leading capabilities. The Company’s [Centers of Excellence](#), based in the U.S. and Mexico, produce machined parts, subassemblies, assemblies and repair and overhaul services for the world's leading manufacturers of aircraft, aerostructures, aeroequipment and other defense platforms. With clearly defined products and services, complementary capabilities, positions on programs offering long-term growth, a balanced and global aerospace, commercial and defense portfolio, Cadence Aerospace offers outstanding quality and delivery at cost-competitive prices to aerospace and defense companies globally.

About Arlington Capital Partners

[Arlington Capital Partners](#) is a Washington, DC-based private equity firm that is currently investing out of Arlington Capital Partners V, L.P., a \$1.7 billion fund. The firm has managed approximately \$4.0 billion of committed capital via five investment funds. Arlington is focused on middle market investment opportunities in growth industries including aerospace & defense, government services and technology, healthcare, and business services and software. The firm’s professionals and network have a unique combination of operating and private equity experience that enable Arlington to be a value-added investor. Arlington invests in companies in partnership with high quality management teams that are motivated to establish and/or advance their company’s position as leading competitors in their field.