

## Sierra Nevada Corporation Owners Named “Aviation Entrepreneurs of the Year” at 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Living Legends of Aviation Awards

Sparks, NV – January 23, 2012 – [Fatih Ozmen](#), Chief Executive Officer and [Eren Ozmen](#), President and Chief Financial Officer for Sierra Nevada Corporation (SNC) were recognized as “Aviation Entrepreneurs of the Year” at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Living Legends of Aviation Awards, held January 20, 2012 in Beverly Hills, Calif.

The Ozmens were recognized for their lifetime contributions to aviation as the executive leaders of SNC, one of America’s fastest growing private companies with a reputation for rapid, innovative, and agile technology solutions in aviation among other industry sectors.

The Ozmens’ vast contributions to aviation span from the ground to air to space. Among their key advances are SNC’s [Mobile Air Traffic Control](#) (ATC) System that can quickly establish stand alone ATC operations worldwide in all-weather conditions, the [Airfield Lighting System](#) that can rapidly provide airstrip lighting driven by solar, generator or commercial power in remote locations, and the Autonomous Landing Guidance and Helicopter Autonomous [Landing Systems](#) that enable fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters to safely land in adverse weather conditions and brown-outs.

Most revolutionary is SNC’s [Dream Chaser](#)®, the company’s answer to the retirement of NASA’s Space Shuttle. The primary mission of the Dream Chaser® is providing the United States with human spaceflight by transporting up to seven crew members and cargo to the International Space Station.

The Living Legends of Aviation Awards event is a virtual ‘who’s who’ of celebrities and aviation legends, including Bob Hoover, Buzz Aldrin, John Travolta, Harrison Ford, Morgan Freeman, Tom Cruise, Clay Lacy, and Lynn Tilton.

**About Sierra Nevada Corporation:** [Sierra Nevada Corporation](#) (SNC) is one of America’s fastest growing private companies based on its significant expansion and reputation for rapid, innovative, and agile technology solutions in electronics, aerospace, avionics, space, propulsion, micro-satellite, aircraft, communications systems and solar energy. Under the leadership of CEO [Fatih Ozmen](#) and President and CFO [Eren Ozmen](#), SNC employs over 2,100 people in 31 locations in 16 states. SNC’s seven unique business areas are dedicated to providing leading-edge solutions to SNC’s dynamic customer base.

SNC is also the Top Woman-Owned Federal Contractor in the United States. Over the last 30 years under the Ozmen’s leadership, SNC has remained focused on providing its customers the very best in diversified technologies to meet their needs and has a strong and proven track record of success. The company continues to focus its growth on the commercial sector through internal advancements and outside acquisitions, including the emerging markets of renewable energy, telemedicine, nanotechnology, cyber and net-centric operations. For more information on SNC visit [www.sncorp.com](http://www.sncorp.com).

**About Living Legends of Aviation:** The “Living Legends of Aviation” are defined as aviation entrepreneurs, innovators, record breakers, industry leaders, astronauts, pilots who have become celebrities and celebrities who have become pilots. The Legends meet yearly to

recognize and honor individuals who have made significant contributions in aviation. Living Legends of Aviation is a registered trademark.

**About Kiddie Hawk Air Academy:** The Living Legends of Aviation Awards event is produced by the Kiddie Hawk Air Academy, a non-profit 501(c)(3) qualified organization. Kiddie Hawk introduces children ages 4 thru 9 to flight with the Kiddie Hawk Trainers. These trainers allow kids to take their first flight lesson with the sophistication of motion and control of real flight, piloting their airplane, albeit a few feet off the ground. Kiddie Hawk follows the students as they progress, making scholarships available as Kiddie Hawk pilots enter actual flight training. The Kiddie Hawk program also introduces youngsters to other aviation related careers.

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