

## **MEI Receives Highest Supplier Honor From Global Manufacturer Analog Devices, Inc.**

*MEI Grew From Approximately 65 To 100 Employees in 2006; Revenue Predicted To Double in 2007*

**Albany, OR. April 6, 2007** – 2006 was a good year for Oregon-based MEI, and 2007 looks

bright. At an awards ceremony in Hong Kong recently, Analog Devices Inc. (ADI) bestowed its highest supplier honor – the 2006 Supplier Excellence Award – on MEI in the Special Achievements category. MEI was one of just 10 suppliers worldwide to receive the honor from ADI, the global leader in high-performance semiconductors for signal processing applications. It is the fourth consecutive year MEI has won the award.

“We were extremely fortunate to be collaborating with ‘best in class’ suppliers like MEI who supported us in achieving our goals and contributed greatly to our success in 2006,” said Liam McCaffrey, manager of purchasing in world manufacturing for Analog Devices. “MEI continues to look for additional ways to contribute to ADI's performance and it is this effort and their consistent excellent performance which has won them this award.”

Based on an exacting supplier rating program, the ADI Supplier Awards recognize those suppliers who distinguish themselves in multiple categories, including consistent, outstanding performance and continuous improvement; strategic contribution to ADI's technology and market leadership; anticipation and delivery of cost reduction initiatives; and exemplary commitment to manufacturing excellence.

In the past year, the semiconductor industry has faced rising energy costs, price increase pressures in the supply chain, and capacity constraints, creating a stronger need for business innovation. MEI rose to the occasion in a decidedly low-tech fashion: by focusing on customer needs, taking the time to understand their customers' business models and the issues they face. “In the case of Analog Devices, that partnership has led to an expansion of our services to them each year,” said Dan Cappello, chief executive officer of MEI. “For example, in addition to process equipment

and service contracts, last year we also provided Analog with bulk chemical delivery systems and crating and rigging services. Particularly with regard to crating and rigging, we were able to anticipate their needs so they could more efficiently and effectively transfer equipment to their different worldwide facilities as their corporate strategy and needs changed.”

Meanwhile, bookings and billings for semiconductor manufacturing equipment from North American-based companies have increased, posting \$1.71 billion in orders in January, 14 percent higher than December 2006, according to the Semiconductor Equipment and Materials Institute (SEMI), a global trade association.

With a growing staff and continued focus on service, MEI is poised to serve the growing needs of semiconductor manufacturers. The company’s head count increased by 54 percent in 2006, and its revenue is predicted to double in 2007.

“Receiving the Analog Devices Supplier Excellence Award for the fourth consecutive year is an honor, and caps off a great year of growth and productivity for MEI,” said Cappello. “We continue to strive for excellence in our performance by providing superior value to our customers.”

### **About MEI LLC**

MEI is a diversified manufacturing and service company serving the semiconductor and high technology industries. The company’s specialties include wet process systems and services; robotics automation software; process tool rigging and crating services; clean room safety, ergonomic and support equipment; as well as a variety of manufacturing services, including machine, metal and plastic fabrication and powder coating. MEI was founded in 1990 and currently employs more than 100 people. For more information about MEI, visit [www.meillc.com](http://www.meillc.com).

### **About Analog Devices Inc.**

Innovation, performance, and excellence are the cultural pillars on which Analog Devices has built one of the longest standing, highest growth

companies within the technology sector. Acknowledged industry-wide as the world leader in data conversion and signal conditioning technology, Analog Devices serves more than 60,000 customers, representing virtually all types of electronic equipment. Celebrating 40 years as a leading global manufacturer of high-performance integrated circuits used in analog and digital signal processing applications, Analog Devices is headquartered in Norwood, Mass., with design and manufacturing facilities throughout the world. Analog Devices' common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker "ADI" and is included in the S&P 500 Index. For more information about ADI, visit [www.analog.com](http://www.analog.com).