

AHLSTROM SELECTS GEP AS PROCUREMENT SERVICES PROVIDER FOR ENTERPRISE SOURCING SUPPORT

Finland-based market leader extends successful procurement consulting and procurement services relationship with GEP Worldwide

CLARK, NJ – December 21, 2015 – GEP, a leading global provider of [procurement services](#) and [procurement software](#) to Fortune 500 and Global 2000 enterprises worldwide, announced today that Ahlstrom, a market-leading fiber-based materials company, has selected GEP to provide a range of [procurement and purchasing services](#).

Founded in 1851, Ahlstrom has 3,400 employees and 29 manufacturing plants around the world. The company, based in Finland, is a global market leader, with a strong presence in a number of vertical markets, including construction and building materials, life sciences, manufacturing and food & beverage.

Ahlstrom's world-class procurement team has worked with GEP in successful partnership for more than five years.

"We're delighted to announce the expansion of our work with a client we value highly," said Matthew Bardell, head of GEP's European operations. "The people at Ahlstrom are great partners – and the results we've achieved together speak volumes about our shared commitment to generating value for the organization."

"GEP has helped us to implement standardized, effective RFQ processes and maintain consistent and repetitive tendering activities with detailed and full cost breakdown," said Rainer Lemmer, Ahlstrom's Global Sourcing Director, Indirect & Services.

ABOUT AHLSTROM

Ahlstrom is a high-performance, fiber-based materials company, partnering with leading businesses around the world to help them stay ahead. The company aims to grow with a product offering for a clean and healthy environment.

Ahlstrom's materials are used in everyday applications, such as filters, medical fabrics, life science and diagnostics, wallcoverings and food packaging. In 2014, Ahlstrom's net sales amounted to EUR 1 billion.

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Ahlstrom's 3,400 employees serve customers in 22 countries. Ahlstrom's shares are listed on the NASDAQ OMX Helsinki.

More information available at www.ahlstrom.com.

ABOUT GEP

GEP is a diverse, creative team of people passionate about procurement. We invest ourselves entirely in our client's success, creating strong collaborative relationships that deliver extraordinary value year after year. We deliver practical, effective procurement services and [procurement technology](#) that enable procurement leaders to maximize their impact on business operations, strategy and financial performance.

Honored as Best Supplier at this year's EPIC Procurement Excellence Awards, GEP regularly wins accolades as both a provider of a broad range of procurement services and innovative [procurement technology](#). Among its recent distinctions, GEP has been named Leader and Star Performer in Everest Group's Peak Matrix of Procurement Services Providers, Leader in NelsonHall's NEAT Matrix of Global Procurement BPO Service Providers, Winner in the HfS Blueprint Report on Procurement Outsourcing Providers, as well as one of Spend Matters 50 Companies to Know and to the Supply & Demand Chain Executive 100.

Clark, NJ-based GEP has 12 offices and operations centers in Europe, Asia and the Americas.

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