

## **New 2AM Group Location in Charleston, South Carolina**

April 30, 2008 – After considering locations in Georgia, Alabama and the Carolinas, 2AM Group, LLC (automotive, aerospace and marine) will become the Charleston region's first bundled service supplier for tier one automotive, aerospace and marine manufacturers. The company, headquartered in Spartanburg, South Carolina, launched operations in Charleston County's Pepperdam Industrial Park, and anticipates growth of more than 50 by end of this year.

**2AM Group**, (an acronym for **A**utomotive, **A**erospace and **M**arine), provides Product Launch Management and Engineering Services, Parts Assembly and Logistic Sequencing, Inspection Verification, Rework, Repair and Class A Metal Rework, Quality System Development and Foreign Trade Zone Logistical Management to the Automotive, Aerospace and Marine industries. 2AM is one of only two Charleston area companies who have dual quality certifications in automotive (ISO9000) and aerospace (AS9100).

"We started in South Carolina with a multi-year contract with BMW in Spartanburg, and with our views on additional growth in automotive, aerospace and marine industries, we chose the Charleston region next as we saw an opportunity for replication of that successful partnership with this area," said Artie Perry, 2AM Group President & CEO. "This combined with aggressiveness for Charleston Regional Development Alliance and quality of life made the decision very simple. As a result, we are beginning the same type of relationship and commitment with Robert Bosch, the largest automotive company in the Charleston area as we did with BMW."

"As BMW has recently announced our further commitment to South Carolina, and our own expansion in the state, it is a pleasure to know that much of the technical knowledge that BMW interacts with their suppliers becomes opportunities for other areas of South Carolina," said Bobby Hitt, BMW Manager of Public Affairs. "We have worked with 2AM for several years and are supportive of their growth and success."

"Our region's automotive and aerospace industry clusters continue to grow and demonstrate enormous potential," Charleston Regional Development Alliance Chairman Robert L. Pratt, CCIM said. "The presence of first-class premium suppliers like 2AM Group will attract additional international interest in our market."

"We are very pleased to welcome 2AM Group to the Charleston corporate family," said Tim Scott, Chairman of Charleston County Council. "This technically experienced quality and logistics service provider will play an important role in filling a void in our local market, servicing the packaging, kitting and delivery needs of many of our automotive, aerospace and marine companies beyond what is currently available. They supply a missing ingredient in our regional supply chain that will further position their customers for success and create a win win for all."

North Charleston Mayor Keith Summey also celebrated 2AM Group's decision. "We're extremely pleased that this company has chosen to grow in our city. I am confident that our region's talent and pro-business environment will be integral to 2AM Group's success."

## **About 2AM Group, LLC**

2AM Group provides manufacturing and quality support to the automotive, aerospace and marine Industries throughout North America and Europe. The company's primary focus is to support all of the service characteristics for premium manufacturers requiring product engineering, quality and planning for the mobility industries. 2AM Group currently employs nearly 200 Associates in the State of South Carolina. To learn more, go to [www. 2AMGroup.com](http://www.2AMGroup.com).