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### **Dart Container Honored for Operational Excellence**

June 15, 2012; Mason, Michigan — The Premier healthcare alliance has named Dart Container as a winner of the seventh annual Performance Award, which recognizes the efforts of contracted suppliers to meet and exceed operational expectations. In selecting recipients, performance data is collected and scored over four successive calendar quarters.

Premier is a hospital-owned performance improvement alliance of 2,600 hospitals and 84,000 other care sites. It contracts with more than 800 suppliers, and Dart Container is one of 41 suppliers to receive the Performance Award. Winners are recognized for their outstanding management of Premier agreements and drive toward the mutual goal of providing clinical and financial value to Premier alliance members.

“Dart’s mission is to provide high quality foodservice packaging solutions and exceptionally reliable service to our customers,” stated Tom Jewell, Dart’s Vice President of Business Development. “We are pleased that Premier members have recognized our products, service and cost advantages with the Performance Award.”

Mike Alkire, Premier COO, said that “as providers continue efforts to operate in a high quality, cost-effective environment, Dart has truly been supporting Premier alliance members,” said. “We’re proud to recognize them as a top performing organization.”

#### **About the Premier healthcare alliance, Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award recipient**

Premier is a performance improvement alliance of more than 2,600 U.S. hospitals and 84,000-plus other healthcare sites using the power of collaboration to lead the transformation to high quality, cost-effective care. Owned by hospitals, health systems and other providers, Premier maintains the nation's most comprehensive repository of clinical, financial and outcomes information and operates a leading healthcare purchasing network. A world leader in helping deliver measurable improvements in care, Premier has worked with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and the United Kingdom's National Health Service North West to improve hospital performance. Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C., Premier also has an office in Washington. <http://www.premierinc.com>. Stay connected with Premier on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

#### **About Dart Container**

Dart Container is family owned and operated, with 7,600 employees and 20 production facilities worldwide. The company manufactures more than 600 products and has facilities in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Australia and Europe. It also has UV-curable ink manufacturing, machinery manufacturing and polymer production facilities. Its headquarters are in Mason, Michigan, where the company was founded in 1960.