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Canadian Association of Railway Suppliers  
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### LinkUp International Has Been Awarded The CARS 2022 Safety Award

[Ottawa, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022]. The Canadian Association of Railway Suppliers (CARS) has named LinkUp International as the recipient of the 2022 Safety Award. This award recognizes initiatives in people safety, innovation, technological advancements, outstanding achievements, and any other positive influence a supplier has brought to improve the railway industry's overall safety.

"The entire team at LinkUp International is grateful for the recognition of the 2022 CARS Safety Award. We continue to stay committed to a safety-first mindset as it is the backbone of our companies Culture "Rails"." Nate Fritzel, President, LinkUp International

LinkUp International was founded in 1996 by the late Mike Fritzel (formerly with BNSF). They are a manufacturing company and distributor of Locomotive Parts and custom-made Assemblies, mainly for Positive Train Control (PTC). They employ 55 people in 7 manufacturing and production buildings containing Fiber Lasers for sheet metal cutting, press brakes, robotic welders, CNC machining, and a fully automated Powder Coat paint facility. LinkUp International also has a Rail Services Division that performs Locomotive parts installations and Inspections.

"As safety statistics have steadily improved, it takes companies like LinkUp International to lay the tracks for others in the industry. Their business partners throughout the industry have recognized their work, which was why they were nominated for this award." – Sylvia Newell, President, CARS.

In the last year, they proudly reported only two minor injuries that resulted in 0 lost time off and 0 deaths.

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#### **About LinkUp International**

On January 1, 1996, LinkUp International began providing professional sales, design, manufacturing, and distribution services to the railway industry. Since then, our capabilities have expanded to include a wide variety of railway products and equipment.



LinkUp presently serves railroads in thirteen different countries. Throughout our rapid growth, one thing has remained constant: our ongoing commitment to providing high-quality products, on-time delivery, and competitive prices to each customer. LinkUp's experienced railroaders know first-hand the demands of maintaining rolling stock and rights-of-way. We understand the cost of holding locomotives and cars for materials and commit our full attention to satisfying your requirements.

In addition, our state-of-the-art information system gives us the ability to respond quickly to unforeseen demand and can track shipments from origin to destination anywhere in the world.

**About The Canadian Association of Railway Suppliers**

The Canadian Association of Railway Suppliers (CARS) has been around for many years but incorporated in its current form in 1991, representing companies selling products and services to railways and transits domestically and internationally. CARS represents over 155 companies that are important to the operations of the railways and transit authorities