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### **ASPI Announces Customer Executive of the Year Award Recipients**

The Association of Suppliers to the Paper Industry recognized two outstanding industry leaders at the ASPI Spring Meeting in February. John D. Williams, President and CEO of Domtar, received the ASPI 2011 Customer Executive of the Year Award and James A. Rubright, Chairman and CEO of RockTenn, received the ASPI 2012 Customer Executive of the Year Award.

The Customer Executive of the Year Award is an annual award presented to an industry executive who has demonstrated extraordinary effectiveness in working with a range of suppliers to enhance productivity, efficiency and effectiveness of his or her company using a wide spectrum of supplied products and services.

ASPI President Bob Gallo commented "ASPI was very pleased to honor these two outstanding leaders in the pulp and paper industry. Both John Williams and Jim Rubright have demonstrated success in leading their companies, as well as working to engage the supplier community. ASPI was extremely honored to have both Mr. Williams and Mr. Rubright participate in the ASPI Spring Meeting."

John D. Williams has been President and CEO of Domtar Corporation since January 2009, and is a member of the Domtar Board of Directors. Williams has more than 30 years of experience in both the consumer products and packaging industry. He has worked for Sweetheart International, a major food packaging and food service business, Huhtamaki, and SCA Packaging. In 2010, he was named North American CEO of the Year as well as Global CEO of the Year by RISI, the leading information provider for the global forest products industry.

James A. Rubright is Chairman and CEO of RockTenn, one of North America's leading manufacturers of containerboard, paperboard and corrugated and consumer packaging. During the first ten years of Rubright's leadership, RockTenn underwent a transformation that



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made it the most profitable company in the industry measured by return on sales. In 2011, RockTenn tripled in size to approximately \$10 billion in revenues and 26,000 employees. Rubright has previously worked for Sonat, Inc and the law firm of King & Spalding. In 2008 and again in 2011, RISI named him North American CEO of the Year.

To nominate someone, please contact an ASPI Board Member.

ASPI, a non-profit association, is the leading association of companies that supply products and or services to the pulp, paper and board industry since 1933. Member participation consists primarily of CEOs, owners, and senior management executives. ASPI's mission is to assist its member supplier companies in providing increased economic benefits to their customers through collective knowledge, initiatives and efforts. ASPI's unique value proposition is a combination of compelling program content and an influential business network.

