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Proto Labs Named Manufacturer of the Year by Manufacturing Leadership Council

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Dow Chemical, General Electric among others awarded at Frost & Sullivan's annual ceremony

MAPLE PLAIN, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jun. 9, 2015-- Digital manufacturing company, [Proto Labs, Inc.](#) (NYSE:PRLB), was named Manufacturer of the Year, Small Enterprise, at the 2015 Manufacturing Leadership Awards ceremony held recently in Carlsbad, Calif. The 11th-annual event—produced by corporate growth consulting firm Frost & Sullivan and its Manufacturing Leadership Council—celebrates industry leaders and companies that are pushing global manufacturing forward.

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Proto Labs' President and CEO, Vicki Holt, and Proto Labs' VP of Global Marketing, Bill Dietrick, accepted the Manufacturer of the Year award at the Manufacturing Leadership Awards ceremony on June 4, 2015. (Photo: Business Wire)

Alongside Proto Labs, Dow Chemical received top honors as Manufacturer of the Year, Large Enterprise; Bristol-Myers Squibb, Lockheed Martin Aeronautics, General Electric and The Campbell Soup Company were among

other notable award winners. Large and Small Enterprise categories for Manufacturer of the Year were determined by companies with annual revenues of over and under \$1 billion, respectively.

“The Manufacturing Leadership Awards are a broad representation of industry excellence as evident by the impressive field of honorees,” says Vicki Holt, President and CEO at Proto Labs. “We’re humbled to be included with such innovative forces within manufacturing, and graciously accept our award.”

Proto Labs' Cool Idea! Award program, which provides gratis prototyping and low-volume production services to entrepreneurs bringing inventive products to market, was also recognized for Innovation Process Leadership during the ceremony on June 4.

“The award is further validation that our automated approach to Internet-based modern manufacturing—one that blends high-tech software with high-speed equipment—is positively impacting our advancing industry,” explains Rob Bodor, Proto Labs' Vice President and General Manager of the Americas.

A complete list of winners can be found on Frost & Sullivan's Manufacturing Leadership Awards page at <http://mlawards.gilcommunity.com/winners/2015-winners>.

About Proto Labs

Proto Labs is the world's fastest digital manufacturing source for custom prototypes and low-volume production parts. The technology-enabled company uses advanced 3D printing, CNC machining and injection molding technologies to produce parts within days. The result is an unprecedented speed-to-market value for product designers and engineers worldwide. Visit protolabs.com for more information.

About The Manufacturing Leadership Awards

The Manufacturing Leadership Awards, now in their 11th year, honor manufacturing companies and individual manufacturing leaders that are shaping the future of global manufacturing. Winning projects and individual manufacturing leaders have demonstrated achievement in one of a range of categories, and are chosen by a panel of expert judges for results that enabled the manufacturers to set themselves apart from their competitors and that have delivered clear and compelling value, return on investment, and other tangible outcomes.

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